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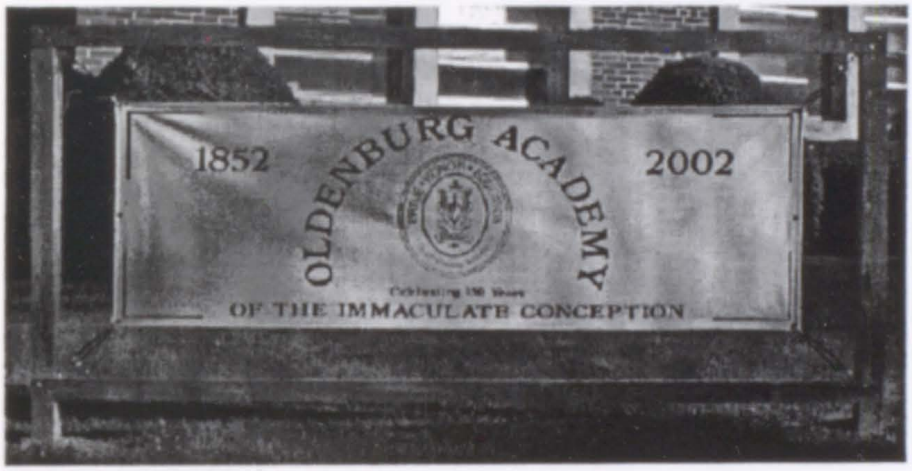

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Academy

A new beginning

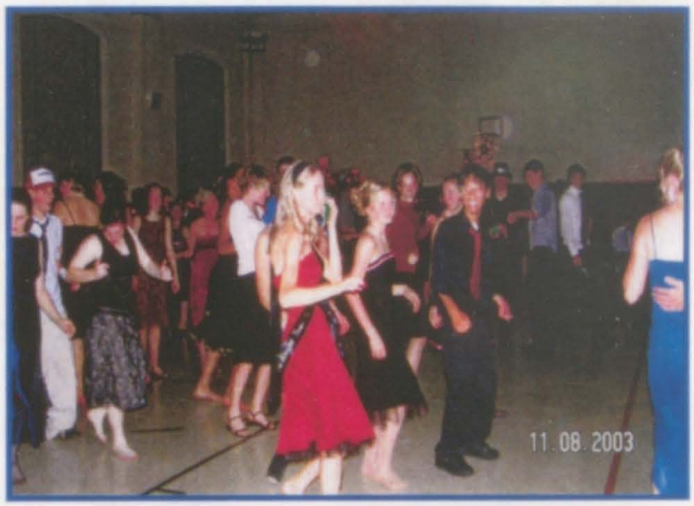
We picked the theme "A New Beginning" this year because we thought it fit best. This year has marked the first year that Oldenburg Academy has been co-ed throughout all classes, and the first co-ed senior class will be graduating this year. With the changes of the school, came many new ideas and traditions. The theme also fit the senior class well. We are leaving Oldenburg Academy. A chapter in our life is over, and we have turned a new page, but the book has not yet ended. We still have time to make our mark in this world and to go on to greater things, but we will never forget the people that have brought us so far. So don't think of this year as being the end. Instead, think of it has being the beginning of the end.

Begin to Live
God bless

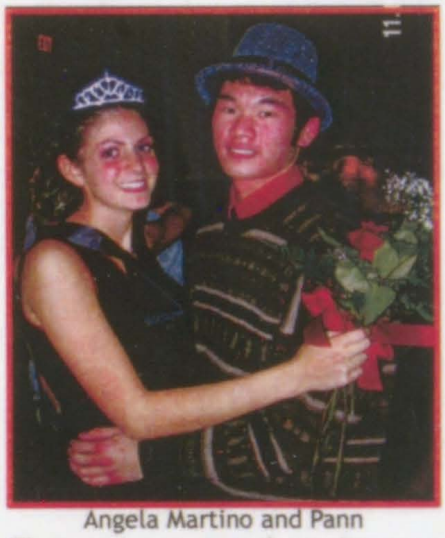
Semi 2003

"A Night On the Town"

The winners of Semi Court line up along the stage.



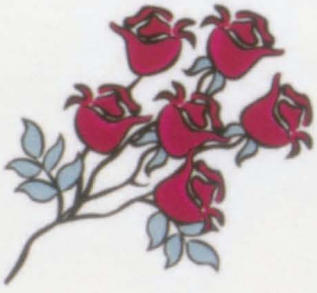
Students boogy the night away!



Angela Martino and Pann Thamrongwang pause for a picture as the new King and Queen of the Senior Class.

Mike Moorman and fellow runner up winner, Theresa Moenter pose for the camera.

Kevin Blank and Kate Ahaus celebrate as the sophomore royalty.



Semi 2003

"A Night On the Town"

The Semi Formal dance was held on November 8, 2003 in the St. Louis School gym. STUCO planned the dance and decorated the gym to follow the 2003 theme of "A Night On the Town." The King and Queen, Prince and Princess, and Semi Attendants shared a special dance to the Semi Song "Dolphins Cry" by Live. A lot of time and effort was put into the planning to make the night one everyone would remember.

Semi is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Freshman are permitted to come only if they have a date from one of the other grades. Each year, Freshman STUCO is responsible for consessions. Pictures were available in the basement, courtesy of Prestige Portraits. With the help of everyone, Semi was a beautiful and fun experience.

Mark McCullough and Matt Schutte show their moves on stage.

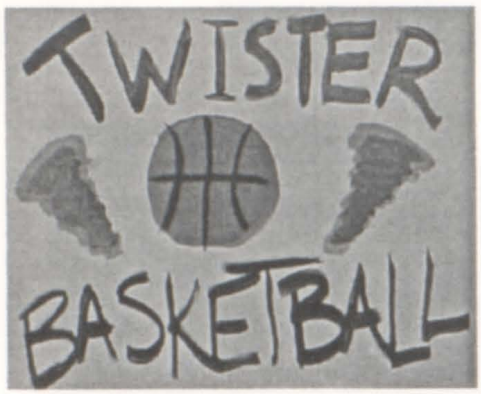
Jake Johnson dances his heart out.

Marta Gruber, Kara Kerker, and Madonna McGovern get together for a quick photo.

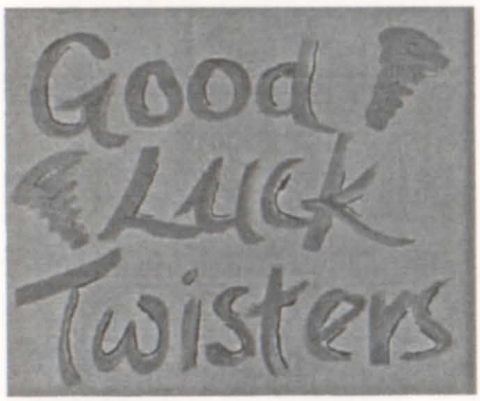
Andy Eckstein and Kevin Pingsterhaus take a break from the action to sit and chat.

The "Electric Slide" was a popular dance amongst many students.

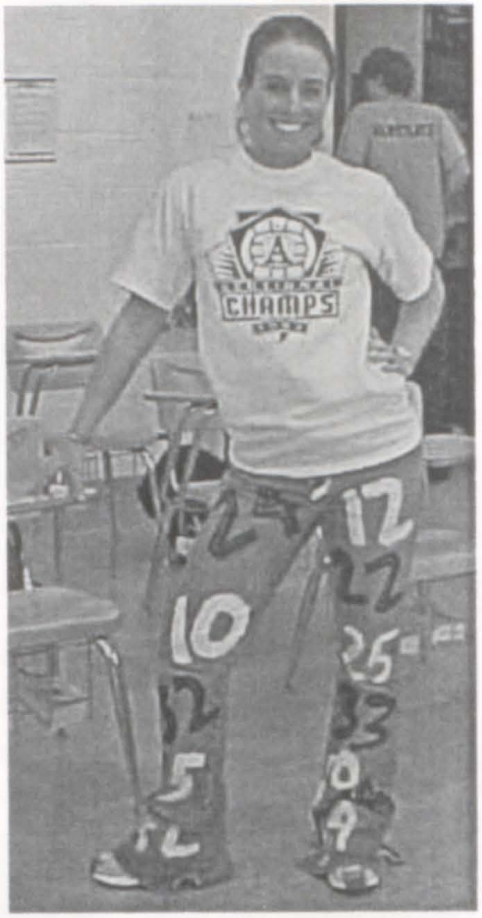
SPIRIT DAYS



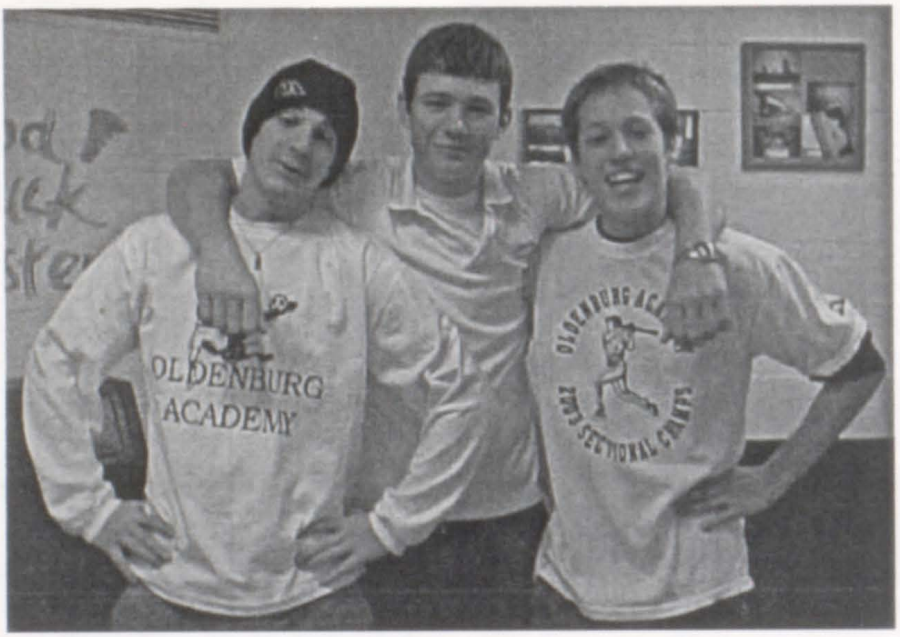
Above and Below: Signs made by the cheerleaders show support for OA athletics and activites.



This year a change was made in the uniform code. Students can now wear jeans and OA spirit wear tops to school every Friday to show support for athletics, clubs, drama productions, and classes. This change was greatly supported by the entire student body. "I love being able to wear jeans and a t-shirt to school. It's so much more comfortable," said Junior Amanda Mersch.



Above: Senior Whitney Lures proudly wears her volleyball "Sectional Champs" shirt and her painted jeans for a Spirit Day.



Above: Seniors Tim Doyle, Nathan Eckstein, and Dan Kuntz show off their spirit wear.

NHS INDUCTION

The National Honor Society inducted 16 new members on September 24, 2003. These members were juniors Leslie Cradler, Taryn Fledderman, Sara Freese, Joe Hertel, Joe Hoff, Kim Koehne, Amanda Mersch, Becca Sedler, and Laura Witt, and seniors Dan Kuntz, Angela Martino, Madonna McGovern, Rebecca Miller, and Ticia Yeager. Those inducted received a rose, pin, and recited the NHS pledge.

Above: Some National Honor Society inductees walk off the stage after the ceremony.

"To have high expectations and success for all."
-NHS Motto

Left: Principal Mrs. Deardorff lights the wisdom candle during the induction ceremony

Below: The new National Honor Society inductees recite the NHS pledge.

Freshman Initiation

Angela Martino and her freshman Katie Schoetmer hang out on "Old People Day." Nice dress Katie! Can I borrow it?

Katie Geiser and Charlie Grant are pretty impressed with their seniors' imaginations in dressing them up for "Old People Day." They look great!

Freshman Initiation was a week of fun and excitement introducing the newcomers to a new school and family. Although the freshmen thought it was torture, the seniors were ultimately just trying to toughen them up and become their new pals. It's obvious when this week comes along because the message board is always overflowing with anonymous notes and gifts being exchanged between the seniors and their freshmen.

On Monday morning the seniors revealed their identities to their freshmen and brought them breakfast. Throughout the course of the week there were different themes for each day: Monday - Pirate Day, Tuesday - Geek Day, Wednesday - Mismatch Day, Thursday - Old People Day, and Friday - Freshmen-Carry-Around-Candy Day. Congratulations to the freshmen for now officially being part of OA!

Freshman Madeline Wukusick is rib tickled by her "Geek Day" outfit while standing with her senior Liz Konnersman.

Freshman Klair Kerker continues to humor herself to keep sane while her senior Whitney Luers works on the makings of her crazy hairdo.

Freshmen Jonathan Maple and Michael Bruns stand with their seniors Nikki Wittmer and Rudy Eckstein. Nice glasses, Rudy!

"I can't wait until I'm a senior!"
-RJ Raab

"I liked it when I got to wear curlers in my hair, because it gave my hair a bouncy look the rest of the day!"
-Katie Geiser

"Have fun and be silly, that's the bottom line."
-Sarah Schulte

"If someone tells you to do something silly, you look even more silly if you don't do it."
-a comment on Freshman Initiation by Charlotte Grant

Seniors Kara Kerker and Liz Konnersman stand around their freshmen Maggie Lutz, Megan Lambert, and Madeline Wukusick on "Mismatch Day."

Jeff Pater shows off his superb "Geek Day" apparel.

You Can't Take It With You

"You Can't Take It With You" is a romantic comedy about two completely different families- one off-base and crazy, the other uptight and formal- who overcome obstacles and come together all in the name of love. Directed by both drama club moderator Doc Kristoff and student Becca Sedler, included an all-star cast and was a huge success.

Cast List: Amanda Mersch, Madonna McGovern, Kayliegh Weber, NIck Messinger, Adam Feldbauer, Chris Werner, Jonathan Maple, Brian Knueven, Marta Gruber, Dustin Zins, John Harrah, Rudy Eckstein, Amelia Horninger, Joe Hoff, Hannah Seevers, Chelsea Ault, Anna Fiutem, Paul Billingsley,and Kimberly Johnston. Student Director: Becca Sedler Assitant Director: Kevin K. Director: Doctor Kristoff

IN·MY·OPINION

"The play was full of humorous antics. It was the best play I've seen in my four years here."
-Kara Kerker, senior

Above: The Academy Singers performed a song at the Junior Induction prayer service.

Below: Senior Mark McCullough gives Junior Ray Miller a hug for a present.

Above: Junior Laura Witt recives her gift from Senior Krystal Sizemore while Father John watches.

"I really felt welcomed by the Senior class as upperclassmen, and I hope we can live up to their expectations."
~Taryn Fledderman

Junior Induction

On Friday, October 24, 2003, the members of the 2005 junior class were inducted into "upperclassmen" status. This OA tradition marks the turning point in the lives of the junior students. The new upperclassmen are faced with the responsibility of being role models for the underclassmen, taking on harder classes with more homework, and preparing for college. The senior class helped welcome the juniors into this new position with kind words and presents.

Above: Senior, Angela Martino gives Junior Brittany Small a gift for becoming an upperclassman.

Above: Junior Kathryn Ball returns to her seat after recieving a present from her senior.

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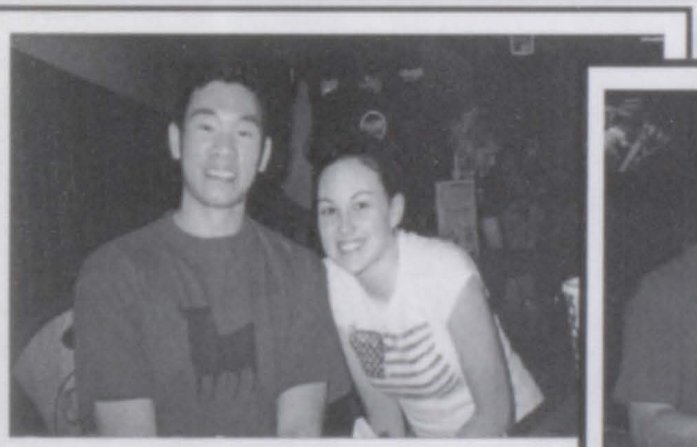
Spring Break

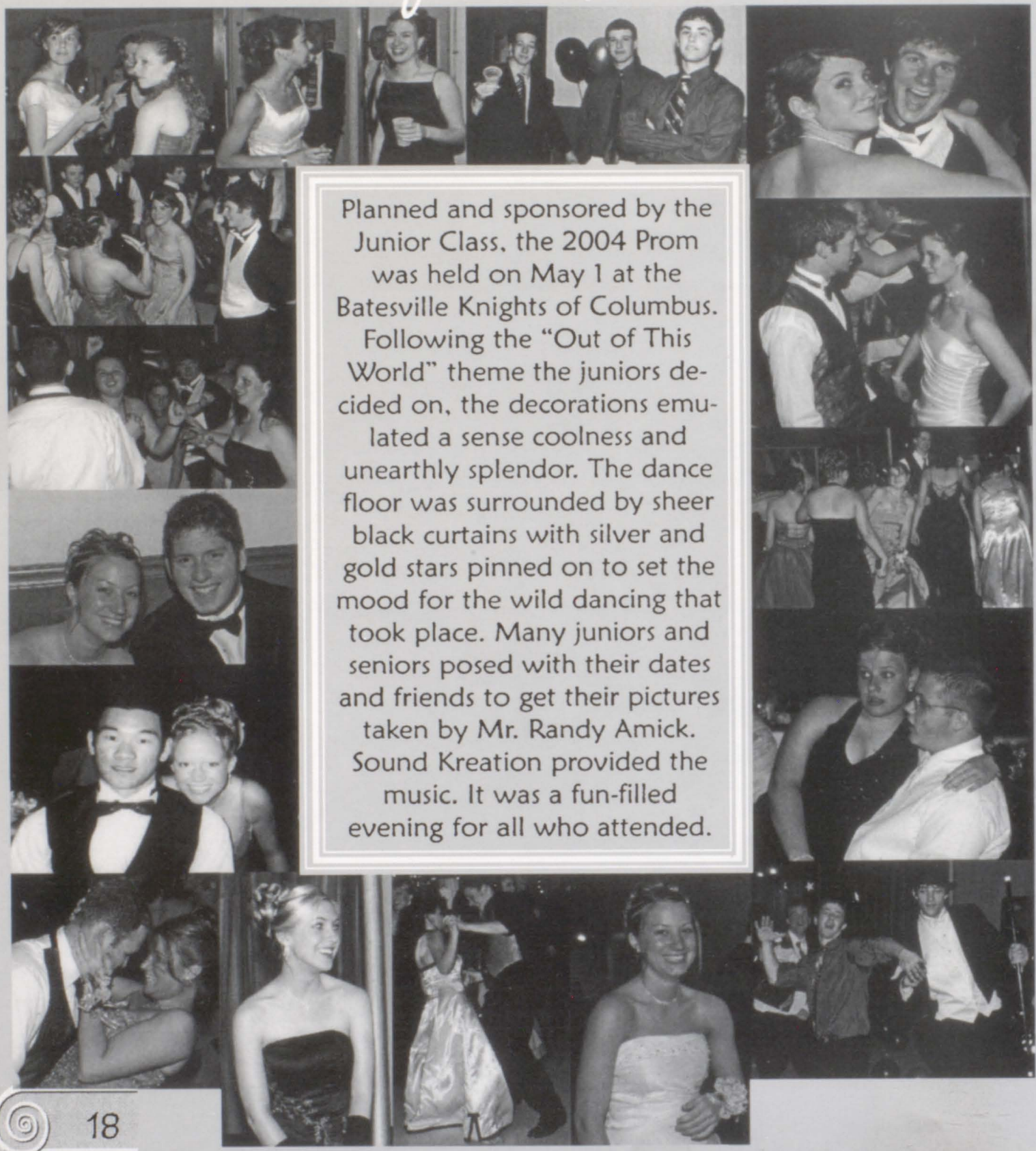
Above: Seniors Liz Konnersman, Ashlee Dieckmann, Elizabeth Schrimpf, Kayleigh Weber, and Claire Ruberg all went to Florida during Spring Break.

Below: Some lucky seniors got to hang around the Batesville/Oldenburg area for Spring Break. Going to BW3s was a must, especially if you are Pann!



Prom 2004

"Out of This World"



Planned and sponsored by the Junior Class, the 2004 Prom was held on May 1 at the Batesville Knights of Columbus. Following the "Out of This World" theme the juniors decided on, the decorations emulated a sense coolness and unearthly splendor. The dance floor was surrounded by sheer black curtains with silver and gold stars pinned on to set the mood for the wild dancing that took place. Many juniors and seniors posed with their dates and friends to get their pictures taken by Mr. Randy Amick. Sound Kreation provided the music. It was a fun-filled evening for all who attended.

Prom 2004

"Out of This World"

Senior Amanda Komoutsos showed her excitement at hearing her name announced as the 2004 Prom Queen.

Senior Matt Schutte was crowned 2004 Prom King.

Junior Butch Wade gives Photographer Randy Amick a satisfied look after being announced as the 2004 Prince.

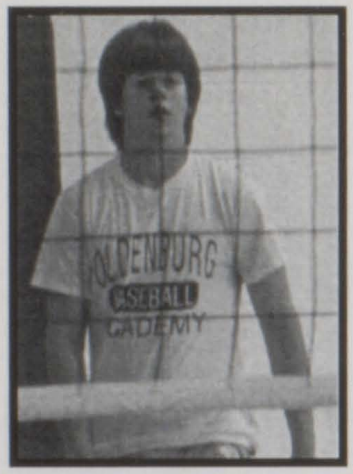
After being announced the 2004 Princess, Junior Amanda Mersch adjusts her crown.

Following the lead of Tim Doyle and Angela Martino, Amanda Komoutsos and Pann Thamrongwang walked onto the dance floor, after their names were called for Prom Court, in a rather unique way.

Junior Joe Hertel gives the camera a salute while being announced as one of the Prom Court members.

Field Day 2004

This year, oldenburg Academy hosted the second annual field day. The field day is a fun day of fun and competition between the classes to give the students a break at the end of the year before exams. Some of the events this year included powder-puff football, wiffelball, and volleyball. The sophomores came out at the end of the day as champions.



AWARDS NIGHT

HIGHEST AVERAGES 2003-2004

2-D Design: Dan Weigel & Madeline Wukusick
Drawing & Visual Communication: Katie Welsh
Painting & Computer Graphics: Kayleigh Weber
AP Studio Art:Erica Baechle
Most Improved Art Student: Bobby Rauch
Best All-Around Art Student: Emily Ripperger
English 9: Emma Clohessy
English 10: Leann Schuman
English 11: Amanda Mersch
English 12: Stephanie Williams
AP Lit/Com: Amy Frazer & Claire Ruberg
Journalism: Kara Kerker & Liz Konnersman
World History: Jorie Moss
US History: Amanda Mersch
AP US History: Joey Niezer
Government: Nick Messinger
Psychology: Amanda Mersch
Orchestra: Jacob Crocker
Piano: Andrea Johnson
Voice: Rebecca Miller
Freshman Chorus: Chelsea Ault, Jacob Crocker, John Harrah, Jorie Moss, & Dominika Roberts
Sophomore Chorus: Pierce Ebinger & Kim Johnston
Music Appreciation: Marta Gruber

The annual *Awards Night* unearthed all the accomplishments of the year by the students of OA. Each award was given to the most proficient student in each subject. Subjects included: English, Music, Art, Science, Social Studies, Math, Foreign Language, Religion, Technology, and Physical Education. In addition, awards were handed out by Rural Alliance for the Arts for numerous student performances and also for scholarships (for both seniors and incoming freshmen).

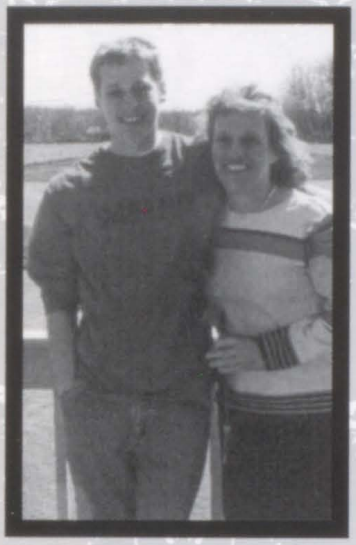
Concert Choir: Rebecca Miller
Private Piano Lessons: Leann Schuman
Private Instrumental Lessons: Butch Wade
Music Theory I: Andrea Johnston
AP Music Theory: Ann Watts
Indiana All-State Chorus: Rebecca Miller, Cassie Galle, Nikki Wittmer, Amanda Koumoutsos, Valerie Eckstein, and Jorie Moss
Computer Applications: Joe Wanstrath
Business: Tom Haynes
Economics: Mary Kate Henrikson
Pre-Algebra: Elizabeth Suding
Algebra I: Lizzy Bockstiegel
Geometry: Leann Schuman
Algebra II: Nick Messinger
Pre-Calculus: Nick Messinger
Calculus: Holly Bettice
Chemistry: Michael Williams
AP Chemistry: Amanda Mersch
Physics: Zach Frey & Adam Fritsch
Genetics: Claire Ruberg
Biology: Dan Weigel
Geology: Rudy Eckstein
Freshman PE: Valerie Kelley
Sophomore PE: Erin Loch
Health: Charlotte Grant & Lizzy Bockstiegel
Elective PE: Devin Moss
Religion 9: Dan Weigel
Religion 10: Katie Brunsman
Religion 11: Leslie Cradler
Religion 12: Mary Kate Henrikson
Spanish I: Dan Weigel
Spanish II: Leann Schuman
Spanish III: Amanda Mersch & Kim Koehne
AP Spanish: Ashlee Dieckmann
German I: Jorie Moss
German II: Moriah Kramer
German III: Adam Fritsch
French III: Kate "Sophie" Ball
French IV: Nikki "Lucie" Wittmer

Father-Daughter Dance

The annual Father -Daughter Dance was held on March 13, 2004. Food was provided as well as plenty of music to dance to. Girls and their fathers were "breaking it down", in the words of Senior Claire Ruberg, until late in the evening with music provided by Sound Kreation. Every class of OA girls managed to take a group picture, and as far as one can tell the dads had a great time too!

Mother/Son Luncheon

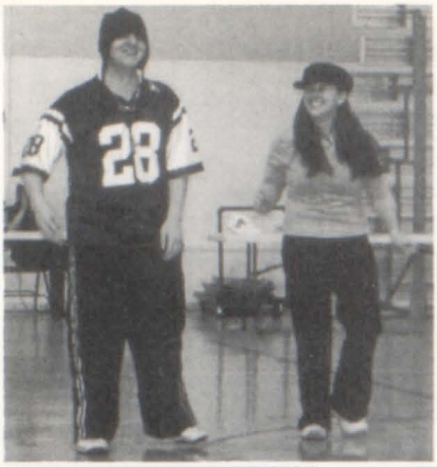
Each class had a group photo on the deck.



Seniors, Dan Kuntz (left) and Josh Werner (right), enjoy their final Mother/Son Luncheon.

For the 4th year in row Oldenburg Academy held their 4th annual Mother/Son Luncheon at Cricket Ridge. For the first time though, four classes of boys and their mothers participated in the event. The Luncheon consisted of a three-course meal which included a salad, baked potato, grilled chicken breasts, and cake. Following the lunch, students got their pictures taken with their mothers on the deck.

All the boys pose for one big group photo by the flagpole.



During "Foreign Language Week," announcements each morning were read in a different language. Monday was *French Day*, Tuesday was *German Day*, Wednesday was *Italian Day*, and Thursday was *Spanish Day*.

On Friday, each of the foreign language classes performed a skit in the gym for the rest of the school using only their specified languages. The skit contest winner was Spanish 3 with their Spanish version of "American Idol," and runner up was Spanish - period 2, and French 3 & 4 - period 7 with third place. Pictured at left are some highlights of the skits, especially Alex Brack's impersonation of Pocahontas. Wow. The week was lots of fun!

Foreign Language Week

Pictured above are the doors that won the "Foreign Language Week" door decorating contest. These doors were designed by **(L to R)** Emily Ripperger - First Place (cash prize of $25), Nikki Wittmer - Second Place (cash prize of $15), and Kayleigh Weber - Third Place (cash prize of $10).

MADRIGAL

The Madrigal Dinner is a musical performance and fundraiser that takes place every two years and includes volunteers from the entire school and community. It was held on the 14th and 15th of March this year. The students, faculty, and local citizens dressed up in costumes to look like people from the Renaissance Era. They dressed like beggars, thieves, tumblers, gypsies, fairies, musicians, royalty and even a sorcerer. Participants also had the choice to be in the drama production "Jesters Knights". The Academy Singers played a big role in the production. They sang and performed for the diners and were portrayed as lords and ladies. Waiters and waitresses served the authentic Renaissance dinner that was cooked by Terri Sterwerf and Diane Gehring. Orchestra students played music throughout the dinner. Attendees and students alike enjoyed the fun-filled nights.

Christmas Concert

We had a spectacular peformance this year from the Oldenburg Academy students. The Freshmen and Sophomore chorus worked very hard for the concert. They both had a variety of songs that were both soothing and put you in the Christmas spirit. The concert had many debut from the Academy Singers. Cassandra Galle, Academy Singer, put on a solo. They also had group performances where the boys weren't afraid to show their moves. Sitting around the piano among the candles and glowing lights, put the whole audience in a calm mood. The orchestra also, had a wonderful performance. The musical talent at OA is never scarce. One thing that most everyone noticed were the yummy cookies and refreshments afterwards. The best ones ever! This was one program that we will ever forget.

Academy SingersTom Haynes and Cassandra Galle

Oldenburg Academy's Orchestra

Spring Concert

This year's theme for the spring concert was "A Night at the Movies." Audiences enjoyed renditions of Disney hits such as "Arabian Nights," "Kiss the Girl," and "A Whole New World" sung by the freshmen and sophomore chorus classes. The Academy Singers performed many songs, including "As Time Goes By" from *Casablanca* and seniors Zach Frey, Angela Martino, Madonna McGovern, and Ann Watts were showcased in a piano quartet. The most enjoyable parts of the show, however, were the vocal solos of three seniors. Rebecca Miller showed off her beautiful voice with "Far From the Home I Love," as Amanda Koumoutsos brought members of the audience to tears with "How Could I Ever Know." Valerie Eckstein sang last with an emotional performance of "April Child." Many students showed off their musical talent at the spring concert and their countless days of rehearsal paid off. Kudos to Elizabeth Biersdorfer and Kris Wampler for their hard work in organizing the concert.

Counterclockwise from top: Joe Hertel and Butch Wade jam to "The Lion Sleeps Tonight"; the jazz group plays "Oye Como Va" and "Sing, Sing, Sing"; Madonna McGovern and Mary Kate Henrickson tinker out "Rhumba"; the freshmen and sophomore choruses started the night off with Disney Dazzle; Claire Ruberg played "Sheep Shall Safely Graze" beautifully; and Jessica Banks performed an original composition titled "The End".

Graduation

This year's Graduation ceremony took place on Sunday, May 30 at 1:00 P.M. in the Sisters of St. Francis Chapel. Fr. Bill Farris, OFM led the service and the Academy invited Xavier University's Campus Minister Fr. Albert Bischoff, S.J. to be the commencement speaker. Claire Ruberg and Mary-Kate Henrickson also gave their classmates words of wisdom as Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Many students wiped away tears as the Academy Singers performed "May It Be" and a few classmates sang the class song "Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)". Overall, the Graduation ceremony was bittersweet as the seniors said their goodbyes to the friends, teachers, and school that taught them to be themselves and gave them memories to always look back on fondly.

Above Left: Claire Ruberg tells her classmates to "let it all hang out" (in reference to tucking in shirts) in her Valedictorian speech. **Above Middle**: Ann Watts and Stephanie Williams give each other a hug. **Above Left**: Mary-Kate Henrickson gave the seniors advice in the Salutatorian speech. **Below**: The Seniors gather for their last posed picture together.

May it be an evening star
Shines down upon you
May it be when darkness falls
Your heart will be true
You walk a lonely road
Oh! How far you are from home

Mornie utúlie (darknesss has come)
Believe and you will find your way
Mornie alantie (darknesss has fallen)
A promise lives within you now

May it be the shadows call
Will fly away
May it be your journey on
To light the day
When the night is overcome
You may rise to find the sun

Mornie utúlie (darknesss has come)
Believe and you will find your way
Mornie alantie (darknesss has fallen)
A promise lives within you now

A promise lives within you now

Underneath the Stars

Winter Homecoming 2004

The first ever Oldenburg Academy Homecoming was held on Saturday, January 31, 2004 at the Oldenburg Academy gym. The day's events began with the boys' basketball game against Taylor High School. Before the Varsity game began, seniors were recognized and honored for their commitment and achievements through the years at Oldenburg. Homecoming Court was announced at halftime- King and Queen were Mike Moorman and Liz Konnersman, princes were Joey Niezer, Andy Eckstein, and Joe Bailey, and princessess were Monica Alunday, Kate Ahaus, and Madeline Wukusick. The boys won with a score of 74-65 and set the mood for the dance that night. The dance theme was "Underneath the Stars" and featured the Indianapolis-based band Extra Blue Kind as well as the DJ from Sound Kreation. The dance was sponsored and planned by the cheerleaders. Their hard work paid off in the end as everyone had a fantastic night!

Mike Moorman and Liz Konnersman were the 2004 Homecoming King and Queen.

Andy Eckstein and Kate Ahaus were the 2004 Homecoming Sophomore prince and princess.

Joe Bailey and Madeline Wukusick were the 2004 Homecoming Freshmen prince and princess.

Anna Brunsman and Holly Bettice joined their dates for a quick picture.

Clockwise from Top Left: "The Girls" get all dolled up after hours of planning Homecoming; Freshmen Jonathon Maple and Katie Geiser take a break from dancing; Extra Blue Kind plays one of their many hit songs; Alex Brack, Jake Johnson, and Matt Schutte are definately the "dancing queens" of the night; Freshmen Andrea Fietum, Katie Geiser, Madeline Wukusick, and Charlotte Grant pose for the camera; Liz Konnersman and Nick Messinger dance the night away. **Center:** Maria LaRosa shows off her dress.

Clubs

Begin to Get Involved

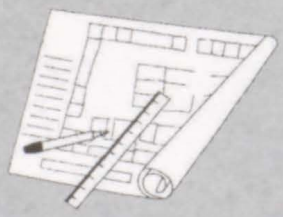
AUTO CAD

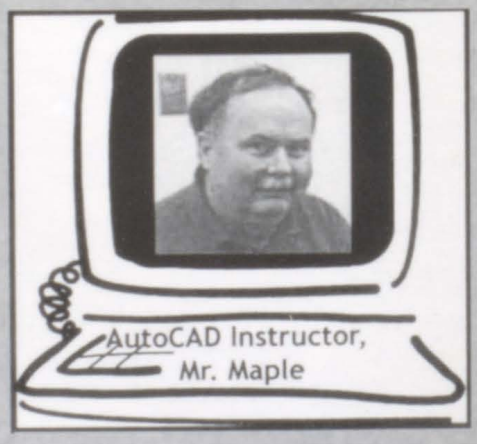
AutoCAD members are *(left to right):* **Row 1:** Dan Kuntz, Tiffaney Taylor, Abby Weber **Row 2:** Jeff Pater, Patrick Doyle, Matt Waechter **Row 3:** Valerie Kelley, Ray Miller, Kristen Jackson.

Left: Mr. Maple is helping Dan Weigel on an AutoCAD project.

This year was the first year for AutoCAD at OA, and it turned out to be successful. AutoCAD is a club for students who are interested in architecture and design. The club uses software for both 2D and 3D design.During the year, the AutoCAD members worked on scaling houses, cars, and motorcycles.

Above: AutoCAD memeber Matt Waechter takes time to pose for the camera.





AutoCAD Instructor, Mr. Maple

Academy Ambassadors

(Left to Right) **Top Row**: Mrs. Annette Hunger (moderator), Sarah Schulte, Emma Clohessy, Elizabeth Bocksteigel. **Middle Row**: Laura Witt, Casey Niezer, Sarah Miller, RJ Raab. **Bottom Row**: Steven Brown, Rebecca Sedler, Jenna Meyer. Not pictured: Charlie Ruberg

The Academy Ambassadors are a group of students who visit surrounding grade schools to talk to junior high students about OA. The group is a mix of freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors that are chosen through a series of one-on-one interviews. The trips taken to the other schools take place during school hours, so the Ambassadors get out of school and go out to eat on their way back.

Academy Ambassadors didn't just visit other schools this year, they also hosted an open house where prospective students and OA students along with their families were invited to tour the school, see all the classrooms, and meet and visit with their child's teachers. The Ambassadors were the tour guides for each group. Along with the open house, the Ambassadors also get assigned a "shadow" when schools come to visit. A shadow is a student who follows an OA student around all day and discovers what a day at OA is like. If there is a large number of students visiting, the Ambassadors, along with other OA students, get a shadow, but if there are only a few students visiting, only the Ambassadors take part in the shadow process.

Below: A few freshmen wait outside for the arrival of eighth graders from St. Mary's School.

ACADEMY SINGERS

The Academy Singers are *(left to right)*: **Row 1**: Kevin Blank, Matt Schutte, and Mary-Kate Henrickson **Row 2**: Cassie Galle, Kristen Johnson, Rebecca Miller, Andrea Johnston, Brian Kneuven, and Moderator Elizabeth Beirsdorfer **Row 3**: Nikki Wittmer, Amanda Komoutsos, and Nick Messinger

The Academy Singers are an elite chorus group led by voice and piano teacher Elizabeth Beiersdorfer. The Singers performed at school events such as the Madrigal, Christmas and Spring Concerts, and mass. The Academy Singers also performed for the Westchester Rotary during the Christmas season. The Singers also traveled to Marion College to attend a choir festival and went to both district and state competitions for Solo & Ensemble. Congratulations to the Academy Singers on all their acheivements this year!

Above: The Academy Singers take time out to pose for a "goofy" picture.

Adopt-A-Sis

Row 1 (left to right): Amy Frazer, Mary Kate Henrikson, Anna Brunsman, Erica Baechle, Cassie Galle, Diana Dietz, Theresa Moenter, Amanda Frey, Brittany Wurtz, Sarah Kirschner, Maria LaRosa, Erin Loch, Brittany Small, Michael Bruns, Katie Welsh, Brook Meyer, Sarah Hoff, Jill Kuntz

Row 2 (left to right): Holly Bettice, Emily Ripperger, Angela Martino, Nikki Wittmer, Claire Ruberg, Bryan Lanning, Krystal Sizemore, Sarah Miller, Kathryn Ball, Felicia Bedel, Abby Weber, Sarah Freese, Sarah Schulte, Megan Lambert, Joe Bailey, Aaron Abell, Elizabeth Suding

Row 3 (left to right): Ashlee Dieckmann, Elizabeth Schrimpf, Kayleigh Weber, Becca Sedler, Amanda Mersch, Megan Dickman, Jenna Meyer, Olivia Lopez, LeAnn Schuman, Amanda Hornbach, Elizabeth Bochsteigel, Kate Schutmer, Cierra Knueven, Kathryn Marticke, Dan Weigel, Tori Wehr, Anna Fiutem

Row 4 (left to right): John Harrah, Jonathan Maple, Matt Waechter, Stephanie Williams, Ann Watts, Amber Suding, Charlotte Grant, Emily Wintz, Valerie Case, Michael Williams, Dominika Roberts, Kristen Billingsley, Lucy Brunsman, Katie Geiser, Maggie Lutz, Jenny Schuman

Row 5 (left to right): David Verbryke, Jacob Crocker, Andy Nobbe, Dustin Zins, Rudy Eckstein, James Milby, Brian Knueven, Kim Koehne, Laura Witt, Leslie Cradler, Samantha Freese, Casey Niezer, Zach Davis, RJ Raab, Patrick Doyle, Joseph Kolks, Steven Brown, Mrs. Ruberg

Left: Sophomores Aaron Abell and Kevin Pingsterhaus share their lunch time with an Oldenburg Fransiscan Sister.

Right: Senior Clare Ruberg and her "nunny" take time out of their busy conversation to smile for the camera.

Adopt-A-Sis was started three years ago by a group of OA students, and continues to grow in popularity every year. This program allows students from all classes to "adopt" a Sister from the neighboring Fransican convent and eat lunch with her every other week throughout the school year. Senior Anna Brunsman says, "It's been really nice talking with my Sis. She is always interesting in what is going on at OA." Katie Geiser, a freshman, says, "It's like having a third grandma! I love spending time with her."

Book Club

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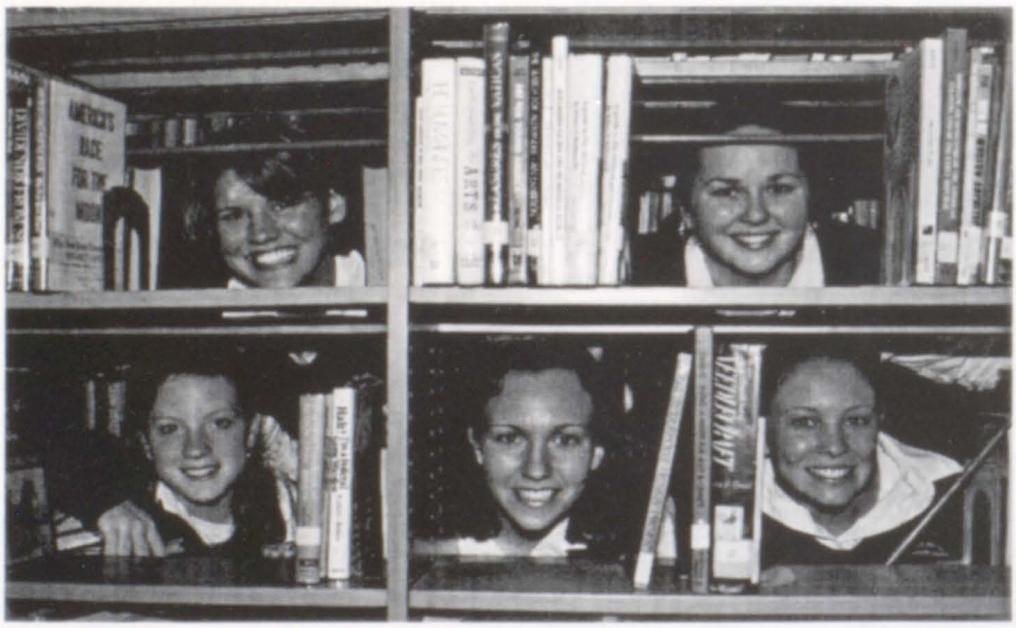

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Campus Ministry

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(Bottom row, from left to right):
Elizabeth Schrimpf, Ashlee Dieckmann, Nikki Wittmer, Amanda Mersch, Sarah Freese, Sarah Schulte

The Campus Ministry program led by Marlene Wukusick fosters the sharing of faith and community at Oldenburg Academy. Its mission is to enable students, faculty and staff, to grow in a personal understanding, and experience Franciscan spirituality enabling them to come to know the face of God, to develop a sense of belonging and participation in the Catholic Christian community. Campus Ministry cultivates a spirit of Franciscan service and recognizes the need for a lifelong commitment to spiritual growth.

Some of their goals are to help students be inspired through prayer and worship. This program also helps students support their communities, and has brought about positive change. The group hosted a drive during Christmas to help families who couldn't afford everyday items. Mrs. Wukusick and the rest of the Campus Ministry members work with care and compassion as they learn about themselves and each other.

"It's about being in a doing world." -- Joseph Jaworski

Debate Club

"The Future Lawyers of America"

(Left to right) **Row 1:** Kaite Welsh, Casey McGuire, Sarah Miller, Stephanie Osborn, Liz Konnersman, Kelsea Kerker, Katherine Marticke, and Katie Schoetmer, **Row 2:** Casey Niezer, Kristen Billingsly, Megan Lambert, Elizabeth Bockstiegel, Caitlin Glassburn, Tori Wehr, **Row 3:** David Verbryke, Matt Waechter, Emma Clohessy, Valerie Kelley, Andrea Fiutem, Elizabeth Suding, ***Not Pictured:*** Moderator Amy Ruberg

There was a lot of interest in the formation of a Debate Club at Oldenburg this year and Religion teacher Amy Ruberg jumped on the bandwagon. However, the Debate Club didn't run as smoothly as the members hoped. They spent most of their time debating between themselves whether or not to have a Debate Club at the Academy.

Rest In Peace, Debate Club

drama club

Members of Drama Club include: Row one ***(left to right):*** **Amanda Mersch Row Two: Claire Ruberg, Kayleigh Weber, and Nikki Wittmer Row Three: Amanda Koumoutsos, Nick Messinger, and Madonna McGovern Row Four: Ruth Cook, Sarah Kirschner, Brittany Small, Hannah Seevers, Chris Werner, and Rudy Eckstein Row Five: Sara Freese, Abby Weber, Chelsea Ault, Katelin Byers, Becca Sedler, Jessica Lamping, Brian Kneuven, and moderator Doc Kristoff Row Six: Jonathan Maple, Felicia Bedel, Tiffaney Taylor, John Harrah , Valerie Kelley, Marta Gruber, Dustin Zins, Alex Brack, and Paul Billingsley**

Above: Chris Werner and Amelia Horninger are up to their normal hijinks.
Left: Joe Hertel shows off his manly studliness as he poses for a painting.

The Drama Club had a big turnout this year with the addition of many new members. Drama Club's big project this year was the fall play "You Can't Take it With You". Many members of the cast received RAA awards for their perfomances:
Brian Knueven- Special Merit Award
Madonna McGovern, Amanda Mersch- Trophy
John Harrah, Kayleigh Weber- Blue Ribbon
Dustin Zins, Marta Gruber, Chris Werner- Red Ribbons

"We had a fun year in Drama Club doing 'You Can't Take It With You', putting together a comedy for the madrigal and working with the senior Thespians on "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)". We have wonderful acting talent here at the Academy and I hope the students continue to pursue their drama activities in college and in their communities."
-Steve "Doc" Kristoff

OFFICERS:
President- Claire Ruberg
Vice-President- Nikki Wittmer
Secretary- Amanda Mersch
Treasurer- Amanda Koumoutsos
Moderator- Steve Kristoff

FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

The Foreign language club did many things this year. They tried to have a meeting once a month and have people come in and talk about countries. This included going to restaurants, selling buttons dealing with languages, sponsoring the door decorating contest, and helping with foreign language week. Eating at different restaurants helped members observe and experience the foods of different cultures. During Foreign Language week they helped put decorations up around the school and set up the gym for performances

First Row: Amanda Frey, Leann Schuman, Amanda Hornbach, Sara Freese, and Kayleigh Weber. Second Row: Senora Westerfeld, Amber Suding, Erica Baechle, Brooke Mejier, Sarah Hoff, and Diana Dietz. Third Row: Valerie Case, Megan Dickman, Jenna Mejer, Kate Ball, Sarah Schulte, and Megan Lambert. Fourth Row: Bryan Lanning, John Harrah, Dustin Zins, Andy Nobbe, Anna Fiutem, Caitlin Glassburn, and Abby Weber.

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International Thespian Society

Amanda Komoutsos is a convincing Hamlet.

Claire Ruberg aka Juliet prepares to kill herself with an aluminum foil dagger.

The International Thespian Society is an honor society for student actors who have participated in a certain number of dramatic productions through-out high school. This year, three Thespians- Amanda Komoutsos, Claire Ruberg, and Nikki Wittmer- performed "The Com-plete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged". The three friends worked on this play for over a year and all their hard work paid off! The audience loved the comedic performance of many of Shakespeare's plays including Hamlet, Romeo & Juliet, and Macbeth. Oldenburg inducted 12 new members this year into ITS.

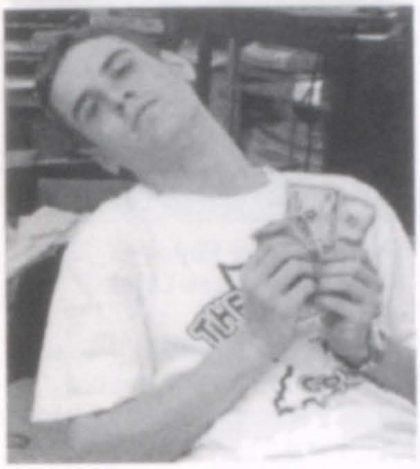
Above: Senior Rudy Eckstein provided the music for the play.

Right: Claire Ruberg, Amanda Komoutsos, and Nikki Wittmer reinact Titus Andronicus.

Left Top: Nikki Wittmer shows off her sword skills. **Left Middle:** Amanda Komoutsos performs a puppet show. **Left Bottom:** Could Amanda and Nikki get any *more* dramatic?

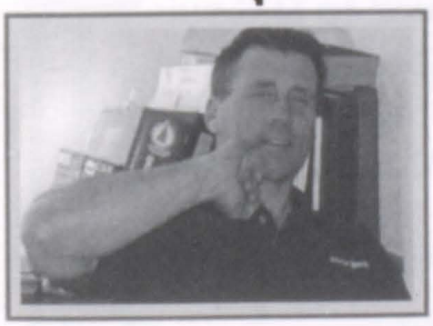
Below:Members of the International Thespian Society include: Bottom row *(left to right)* -Madonna McGovern, Sara Freese, Claire Ruberg, and Becca Sedler **Middle row**- Nick Messinger, Amanda Mersch, Amanda Komoutsos, Kayleigh Weber, Brian Kneuven, Doctor Steve Kristoff, and Jessica Lamping **Top row**- Nikki Wittmer **Not Pictured:** Rebecca Miller, Renee Smith, Maria LaRosa, Rudy Eckstein, Amelia Horninger, Kimberly Johnston, and Marta Gruber

Investment Club



Top Left: Senior and club founder Tom Haynes just found out his stocks just rose 2.5 points thanks to his knowledge gained from Investment Club! **Left:** Just call him Alex "Money" Gates...

Investment Club was new to Oldenburg Academy this year. Started by senior Tom Haynes, the club was started to enrich and educate future students of tomorrow's investment community. Members of the Investment Club practiced their skills in mutual funds and stocks by joining an online program that dealt with buying and trading stocks. It was a great first year for Investment Club and Mr.Greiwe looks forward to next year.



Moderator: Steve Greiwe

Members of Investment Club include *(Left to Right)* **Back Row:** Jarrod Schneider, Joshua Freyer, Alex Gates, Brittany Small, Ted Fussner, and Adam Fritsch **Front Row:** Madonna McGovern, Doug Wanstrath, Adam Gehring, Sarah Miller, Stephanie Osborn, and Nathan Eckstein. **Not Pictured:** Tom Haynes

LATIN CLUB

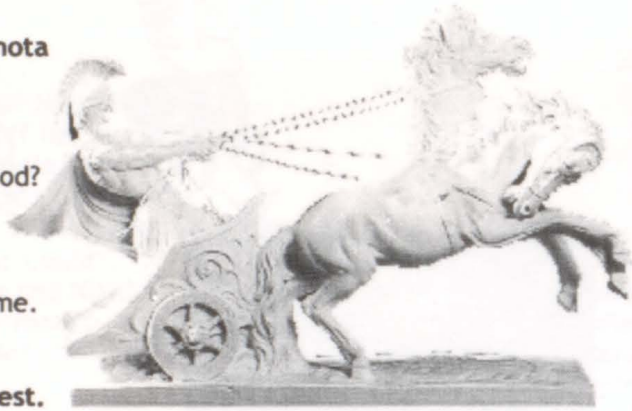
Members of the Latin Club pictured above are (L to R) Leslie Cradler, Laura Witt, Jessica Lamping, and Dominika Roberts.

Random Latin Phrases

Quantum materiae materietur marmota monax si marmota monax materiam possit materiari?
How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

Vah! Denuone Latine loquebar? Me ineptum. Interdum modo elabitur.
Oh! Was I speaking Latin again? Silly me. Sometimes it just sort of slips out.

Aio, quantitas magna frumentorum est.
Yes, that is a very large amount of corn.



Sona si latine loqueris.
Honk if you speak Latin.

Te audire no possum. Musa sapientum fixa est in aure.
I can't hear you. I have a banana in my ear.

Neutiquam erro.
I am not lost.

Sentio aliquos togatos contra me conspirare.
I think some people in togas are plotting against me.

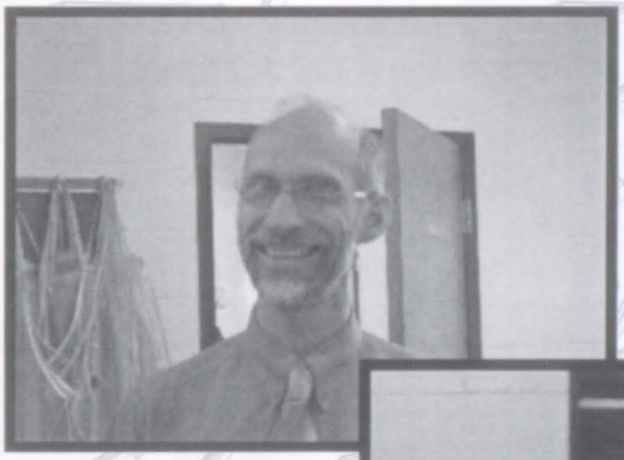
The Oldenburg Academy Latin Club began here at OA, but because of the size of community interest, was moved to St. Louis School. The Club was directed by Fr. Kappes from St. Louis Parish and he taught the language, the religious aspect of the language, and the culture. They met every other Thursday at Saint Louis School for meetings.

Math Club

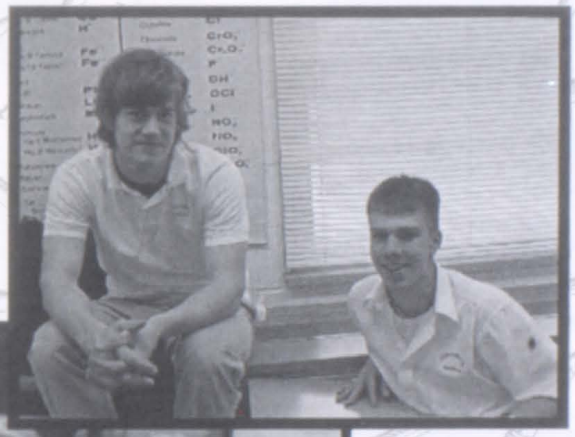
BRAIN POWER

Members include (**Top Row; From left**): Adam Fritsch, Michael Williams, Jenna Meyer, Elizabeth Bockstiegel, Andrea Fiutem, Andy Nobbe, (**Middle Row; From left**) Elise Merkel, Katie Welsh, Amanda Hornbach, Jill Kuntz, Leann Schuman, Mrs. Meriwether-Math Teacher, (**Bottom Row; From left**) Mary Kate Henrikson, Elizabeth Schrimpf, Ashlee Dieckmann, Claire Ruberg

For the past three years Oldenburg Academy students interested in Math have been involved in a Math Club where they competed in statewide math contests by taking tests and comparing their scores the scores of the rest of the students around the state.



Doc and Mrs. Meriwether headed the Math Club this year for the first time.



Top: Adam Fritsch and Joel Wukusick were two of the top math students in the state last year.

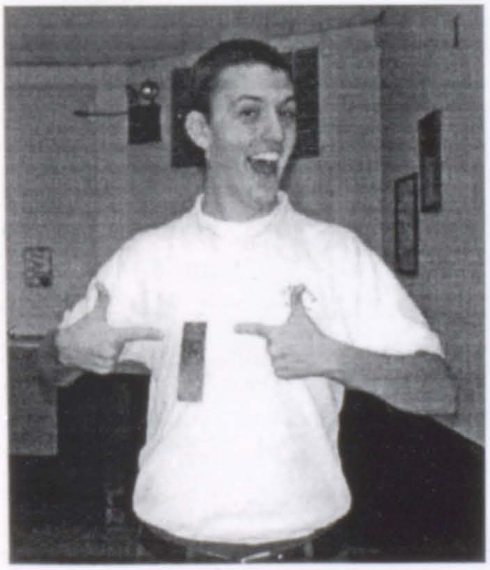
S.A.D.D.

Members of SADD include: **first row (L to R)** Amy Frazer, Sarah Miller, Liz Konnersman, Mrs. Heck-Comparone (club moderator). **Second row (L to R)** Amanda Hornbach, Leann Schuman, Jenna Meyer, Stephanie Osborn, Casey McGuire, Kate Ahaus. **Third row (L to R)** Megan Dickman, Olivia Lopez, Cassie Galle, Rebecca Miller

"S.A.D.D. Club president Amy is always drinking...Sprite." -taken from *The Everyone Song* written by the seniors at the Senior Retreat.

During Red Ribbon Week, members of S.A.D.D. read poems and stories over the announcements pertaining to drug and alcohol related problems and incidents. The students also received red anti-drug ribbons to wear throughout the week. For Prom, S.A.D.D. encouraged students to sign the "Prom Promise," where students promised to abstain from drugs, sex, and alcohol.

S.A.D.D. Club (Students Against Destructive Decisions) helped to keep the school involved in projects throughout the year stressing the importance for teens to abstain from drugs, tobacco, underage drinking, and violence. Officers for the 2003-2004 year were Amy Frazer(president), Liz Konnersman(vice president), and Sarah Miller(secretary). Some of the major activities and projects of the year were bake sales to raise money, Red Ribbon Week, and Prom Promise.



Nick Messinger likes his ribbon!

Amanda Koumoutsos is demonstrating to Claire Ruberg what would happen to her brain if she were to do drugs as they both enthusiastically sport their drug-free ribbons during "Red Ribbon Week."

Ski Club

Pictured above (**L to R, back to front**): Caitlin Glassburn, Maggie Lutz, Kristen Billingsley, Andrew Kretschmann, Megan Lambert, Anna Fiutem, Moderator Jackie Fitzgerald, Adam Feldbauer, Seth Bullock, Devon Moss, Becca Sedler, Butch Wade, Jonathan Roell, Alex Brack, Colette Ryan, Alex Gates, Melissa Mitter, Nick Lamping, Michael Bruns, Jorie Moss, Hannah Seevers, Charlotte Grant, Kevin Blank, Casey McGuire, Stephanie Osborn, Jessica Sallee, Sarah Kirschner, Brittany Small, and Kate Ball.

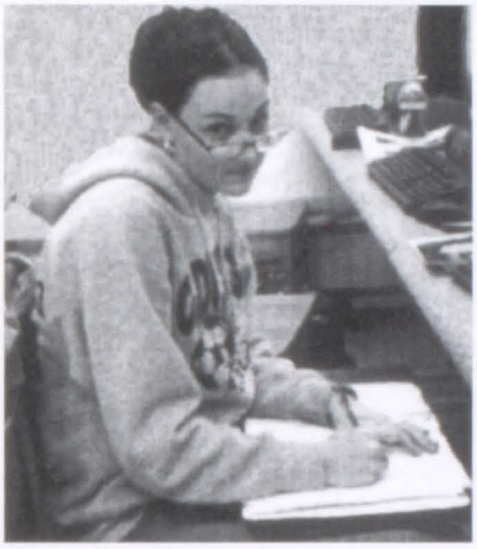
This year was the first year for Ski Club. The moderator, Jackie Fitzgerald, president Becca Sedler, and vice president Stephanie Osborn worked very hard to make this first year one to never forget. Most of the club's trips were to Perfect North Slopes in Lawrenceburg, Indiana on Friday nights during the winter. Jackie's comment on the skiing trips was, "Everyone just...skied! It was fun!"

Below are pictures taken at Perfect North Slopes while Ski Club was having fun in the snow!

Spires

Above Left: Liz Konnersman is awfully proud of November's issue of *Spires*. **Above Right**: Holly Bettice ponders her next issue of "Is It Worth It?".

The 2003-2004 *Spires* staff was made up of eight people this year. The moderator was Jerilyn Lowery. *Spires* this year covered topics such as school spirit, dances, sports, school productions, and Holly Bettice's infamous "Is It Worth It?".



Above Left: RJ Raab prays he'll meet his deadline for *Spires*. Above Center: Kara Kerker gives the camera a scathing look as she brainstorms her ideas. **Above Right**: Editor Madonna McGovern taking a break from her stressful job. **Right**: Members of the *Spires* staff include **(left to right)**- **(Top Row)** Madonna McGovern and Katie Geiser **(Middle Row)** Moderator Jerilyn Lowery, Liz Konnersman, Kara Kerker, Holly Bettice, and Tiffaney Taylor **(Bottom Row)** Jeremy Roell and RJ Raab **Below**: Katie Geiser spruces up her *Spires* article.

STUCO

STUCO Members are *(left to right)* **1st Row:** Freshmen STUCO- Casey Niezer, Jonathon Maple, Tori Wehr, and Lizzie Bockstiegel. **2nd Row:** Sophomore STUCO- Casey McGuire, Mike Williams, Kate Ahaus, Jenna Meyer, and Sarah Miller. **3rd Row:** Junior STUCO- Amanda Mersch, Becca Sedler, Monica Alunday, Adam Fritsch, and Brian Knueven. **4th Row:** Senior STUCO- Emily Ripperger, Tim Doyle, Zach Frey, Madonna McGovern, and Diana Dietz. **5th Row:** School STUCO- Nikki Wittmer, Matt Schutte, Angela Martino, and Dan Kuntz

School STUCO

Senior STUCO

Freshmen STUCO

Oldenburg Academy's STUCO likes to stay involved in the many activities held throughout the school year. The members of STUCO take on many responsibilities such as planning Semi, the annual blood drive, and a fundraiser for Riley Childrens Hospital. STUCO works hard to get students to participate and have fun in school affairs. Each year, the School STUCO comes up with a theme for that school year. This year's theme was "All You Need Is Love".

Moderator: Mrs. Weberding

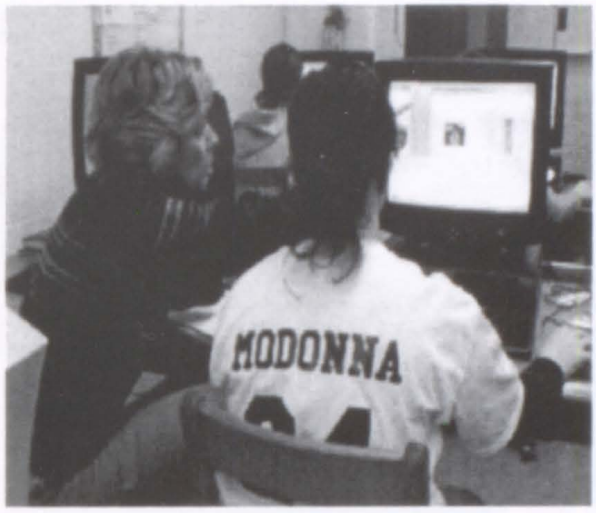
Junior STUCO

Sophomore STUCO

Back Row: Mrs. Lowery, Jeremy Roell, Tiffaney Taylor, Madonna McGovern, Katie Geiser, Holly Bettice, and RJ Raab
Front Row: Co-Editors Kara Kerker and Liz Konnersman

Above: Senior Kara Kerker, co-editor of the yearbook, works hard on making her page perfect.

YEARBOOK



Above: Senior Madonna McGovern works with Mrs. Lowery, the new yearbook teacher, on figuring out how the yearbook program works.

This year the yearbook staff had to overcome many obstacles: changing teachers after a few weeks, mastering the software, and learning to share the computer lab with 6th period Economics. Despite these challenges, the small staff of only three freshmen and five seniors dedicated a lot of time and energy towards creating a great yearbook.

Above: Liz Konnersman, co-editor of the yearbook, works on revising the page assignments.

Above: Freshmen Katie Geiser, RJ Raab, and Tiffaney Taylor spend class time finishing pages.

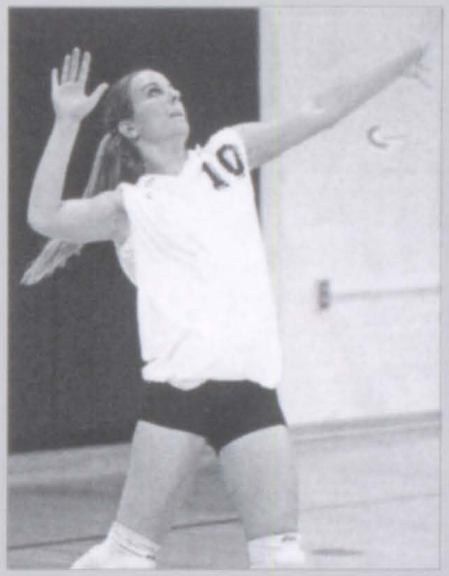
TRI-M

Started in 2003, Modern Music Masters, aslo known as Tri-M, is a society similar to National Honor Society (NHS). Students must be a sophomore, junior, or senior and must have an "A" in all music classes and a "B" average in all other classes in order to qualify for Tri-M. They must also be enrolled in a music theory class and participate in one of the following: Concert Choir, Orchestra, or Academy Singers. All eligibility is determined anually after first quarter grades. Like all other groups and societies,Tri-M has a purpose. The purpose is to inspire music participation, create enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulate a desire for service, and promote leadership in music students. Tri-M is under the sponsorship and supervision of the National Association for Music Education (MENC). Mrs. Beiersdorfer is the faculty moderator for the local chapter. Tri-M participants held a fundraiser this fall selling popcorn. The students also performed service assignments for music department faculty and offered a scholarship for students not currently taking music lessons that covers 3/4 of the music lesson fee for 2004-2005. Tri-M students aslo participated in a joint music concert with St. Ursaline High School.

(left to right) **Row 1:** Stephanie Williams, Ann Watts, Kimberly Johnston, Laura Witt, Claire Ruberg **Row 2:** Kate Ahaus, Erin Loch, Cassie Galle, Kristen Johnson, Nikki Wittmer **Row 3:** Brian Kneuven, Monica Alunday, Mary Kate Henrickson, Mrs. Beiersdorfer **Row 4:** Tom Haynes, Pierce Ebinger, Chris Werner, Joe Hertel, Rebecca Miller

Sports

Begin the Race



Fall Sports

Girl's Golf

This year the OA girls golf team enjoyed many successes. Not only did the girl's have a winning season with a 6-1 record, the team also traveled to regionals for the first time in Oldenburg's history. They qualified as the third team to go, with a score of 397. Senior Holly Bettice was captain of the team, Junior Colette Ryan and Sophomore Megan Dickman led the team in scoring, and Junior Amanda Mersch and Sophomore Katie Welsh kept the team's spirit up throughout the short season. Mr. Bill Fisher coached the team.

Left to Right: Katie Welsh, Colette Ryan, Megan Dickman, Amanda Mersch, Holly Bettice, and Coach Bill Fisher

Above: Junior Colette Ryan prepares to putt the ball.

Above: Coach Bill Fischer helps Sophmore Megan Dickman decide which club would be the best to use.

Left: Sophomore Katie Welsh gets ready to putt her ball in the hole at the teams home course, Hillcrest.

Above: Junior Amanda Mersch decides what club to use for her next shot.

Left: Sophomore Megan Dickman lines up her putt.

Above: Senior Holly Bettice watches her shot to the green.

Boys' Cross Country

For the first time in school history, the boys' cross-country team had seniors to lead the way. Seniors Jeremy Roell, Dan Kuntz, Matt Schutte, and Zach Frey led the way for the boys. The team ran against big schools ranging from Ben Davis to Cathedral (Indianapolis), to St. X (Cincinnati). Even with a rigorous schedule the team managed to hold their own against the bigger schools. Congratulations to the boys on a successful season.

Members of the team include (from left): Head Coach Merle Hines, Jeff Frey, Matt Schutte, Chris Werner, Dan Kuntz, Joe Hoff, Joe Schutte, Jeremy Roell, Zach Frey, and Assistant Coach Diana Schutte

Above: Chris Werner was the number five runner for the varsity team, he proved his value here at the home meet.

Right: Seniors Jeremy and Dan Kuntz were the numbers one and two runners for the team this season.

Left: Jeff Frey, Joe Schutte, and Zach Frey battle for position.

Right: Joe Hoff working hard to get by the North Decatur runners.

Girls' Cross Country

The team consists of *(from left to right)* Head Coach Merle Hines, Leslie Cradler, Erica Baechle, Elise Merkel, Amanda Hombach, Ticia Yeager, Erin Loch, Melissa Mitter, Jill Kuntz, Chelsea Ault, and Assistant Coach Diana Schutte.

The girls cross country team of 2003-2004 had an incredible season. Coaches Merle Hines and assistant Diana Schutte did a great job with these girls throughtout the season. They were devoted to giving these girls the best chance at winning their meets. The Girls' Cross Country team showed great improvement from start to finish. We're proud of you, girls!

Right: Erica Baechle ahead of the pack still running hard. No one is going to catch her.

Left: The team is getting ready for the big meet. They're getting fired up and ready to win.

girls' soccer

Tearing It Up...

This year the Oldenburg girls' soccer program had to rebuild their team. With the loss of over half their team to graduation, the remaining four girls were overjoyed when 14 more girls joined the team. Coached by Hub Martini and Oldenburg alumni Krista Gangloff, the 2003 girls' soccer team pulled off a winning season by winning 14 games, losing only four, and tieing one. The biggest victory this season was beating out East Central for the first time in Oldenburg girls' soccer history. Despite the hard conditioning and numerous injuries (a fractured ankle, broken nose, broken leg, bruised eardrum, jammed thumbs, and, of course, shin splints), the team had a wonderful time and closely bonded.

Back Row: *(Left to Right)* Coach Hub Martini, Kelsea Kerker, Marta Gruber, Liz Konnersman, Cassie Galle, Kaitlin Glassburn, Madonna McGovern, Kara Kerker, Emma Clohessy, and Valerie Kelley **Middle Row:** *(Left to Right)* Madeline Wukusick, Casey Niezer, Sarah Schulte, Kristen Billingsley, Sarah Miller, Jessica Sallee, Maggie Lutz, and Tiffaney Taylor **Front Row:** *(Left to Right)* Megan Lambert, Charlotte Grant, Brittany Wurtz,

"Oldenburg Girls' Soccer had a turn for the better this season, all due to a great group of girls. The freshmen brought in numbers and determination, while the sophomores contributed with experience and skill. The one and only junior stepped up with knowledge of the game and a good attitude, as the seniors kept us all going with smiles, knowledge, skill, heart, and desire. We had a great season and became good friends. I can't wait till next season, even though the seniors will be greatly missed!"

- -Sarah Miller, Captain

Boys' Soccer

Above: Tim Doyle rips a shot.

Members of the team include: (**Back Row; from left**): Head Coach Rebecca Raeschulte, Devin Moss, Tom Haynes, Nathan Eckstein, Jake Johnson, Tim Doyle, Josh Werner, Adam Gehring, Joey Neizer, (**Middle Row; from left**) Steven Brown, Brian Borst, Joe Hertel, Adam Feldbauer, Ted Fussner, Joel Wukusick, Kevin Pingsterhaus, Ken Fussner, (**Front Row; from left**) Kevin Blank, Pierce Ebinger, Andrew Krestchmann, Michael Bruns, Nicholas Lamping, and Paul Billingsley.

Above: Jake Johnson takes the corner kick.

Left: Adam Feldbauer fights off his defender and clears the ball.

Left: Goalie Devin Moss sends the ball up the field.

The boys soccer team in its third year of existence had another successful season finishing with a regular season record of 12-4-1. They had to overcome injury and the pressure of being defending sectional champions. They persevered throughout the year to once again be one of the best soccer teams in the area.

Opponent	Result	Score
@Waldron	W	4-2
Lawrenceburg	W	2-1
FW Northrop(tourn.)	L	0-4
Elkhart Central(tourn.)	L	0-7
@Jac-Cen-Del	W	4-0
@Lafayette CC	W	1-0
South Ripley	T	3-3
Rising Sun	L	1-2
@Franklin County	W	5-0
Switz. County	W	7-1
@Lawrenceburg	W	3-0
Morristown	W	5-2
@Connersville	W	3-1
@Greensburg	W	2-0
SW Shelby	W	4-0
@Jennings County	W	3-1
East Central(sectional)	L	0-3
Final Record	12-4-1	

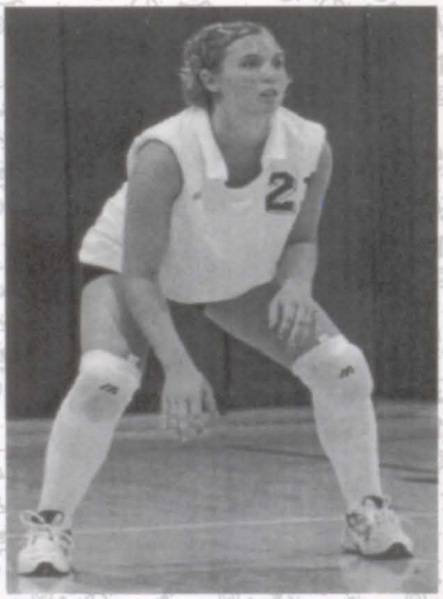
Varsity Volleyball

Members of the volleyball team include: (front row; from left) Head Coach Randy Oberymeyer, Casey McGuire, Kristen Johnson, Kate Ball, Whitney Luers, Taryn Fledderman, LeAnn Schuman, Assistant Coach Merry Helcher, Assistant Coach Dan Helcher, (back Row; from left) Emily Wintz, Samatha Freese, Dominika Roberts, Jenna Meyer, Kate Ahaus, and Kim Koehne.

Bump! Set! Spike It!

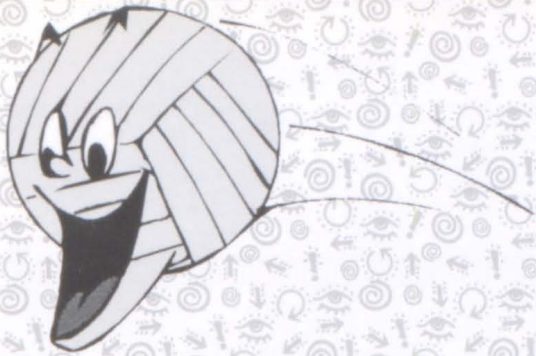
Kate Ahaus goes up for a spike. LeAnn is there to back her up.

The Varsity Volleyball team did an awesome job this year! They played as a team and were determined to have a good season. They also went to sectionals! We are all proud of you!



Samantha Freese is on her toes and ready to receive.

Junior Varisty Volleyball



This years JV Volleyball team had a rough season. Yet, they played their hardest and worked as a team. Good Job Ladies!

Team members Include *(Left to Right)* **Back Row:** Anna Fiutem, Lizzie Bockstiegel, Jorie Moss, Ceirra Knueven **First Row:** Emily Wintz, Casey McGuire, Kim Koehne, and ELizabeth Sudding **Coaches:** Merry Helcher and Dan Helcher (Not pictured: Katie Shoetmer)

Memories

* The worst part of the season was when Katie Shoetmer was elbowed in the mouth by Casey McGuire

* Casey McGuire always has a sound when she can't get to the ball, or something has gone wrong

A Quote from the Coaches!

" No matter what the out come of the game is, these girls always kept their heads up and had a great attitude."

- Merry and Dan Helcher-

Boys Tennis

The Players

Front Row *(left to right)*: Bryan Lanning, Kasey Merriwether, Thom White, Andy Eckstein **Second row**: Seth Bullock, Adam Fritsch, Joe Wanstrath, Charlie Ruberg, Joe Bailey

The Games

The season started in the fall but they did not start practicing until school started so they were behind scuduele. Their first game was against Madison Shawe but because of the weather, they had to postpone the game then finally cancelled it. Due to a late entry, the team could not participate in the sectionals but they did play against themselves.

The Team

The boys showed up everyday for practice even though they knew they had no games to play in. Jackie Fitzgerald, the coach, said, "They were a good group of kids who tried hard even though there wasn't much to look forward to."

Next Year

The team has already scheduled seven matches for next year and they are playing in the sectionals.

Sports

SCHEDULE

SEASON:

11/15/03	vs. Baptist Academy
11/18/03	vs. Southwestern Hanover
11/21/03	vs. Jac-Cen-Del
12/1/03	vs. Southwestern Shelby
12/4/03	vs. North Decatur
12/5/03	vs. Edinburgh
12/8/03	vs. Waldron
12/9/03	vs. Rising Sun
12/10/03	vs. Milan
12/15/03	vs. South Decatur
12/20/03	vs. Triton Central
1/10/04	vs. Shawe
1/13/04	vs. Hauser
1/15/04	vs. South Ripley
1/20/04	vs. Union County
1/22/04	vs. Jac-Cen-Del
1/29/04	vs. Greensburg
1/31/04	vs. Switzerland County
2/3/04	vs. Lawrenceburg

SECTIONALS:

2/10/04	vs. Shawe
2/13/04	vs. Jac-Cen-Del

The Girls' Varsity Basketball team this year at OA finished with a record of 5-14 for the regular season. The team scored a total of 927 total points throughout the season, averaging 48.8 points per game. Elisa Merkel was the leading scorer with 10.1 points per game, followed closely by Dominika Roberts with 8 points per game. However, Dominika Roberts was the leading rebounder because of her height, averaging 10.6 rebounds per game. Sophomore Brittany Wurtz missed the regular season as a result of a broken leg during soccer season, but came back strong during sectionals. The Varsity team won't lose any seniors next year, so they'll be back stronger than ever!

Members of the varsity team pictured above (L to R): top row - Olivia Lopez, Dominika Roberts, Jenna Meyer/ middle row - Elise Merkel, Kristen Billingsley, Jill Kuntz/bottom row - Brittany Wurtz, Megan Dickman

Pictured above: Top, Dominika Roberts and Olivia Lopez get in a ready-for-the-rebound stance. Left, Kristen Billingsley fights for a jump ball. Right, Megan Dickman dribbles down the court.

Girls' Varsity Basketball

Girls' JV Basketball

Members of the junior varsity team pictured above (L to R): top row - Klair Kerker, Valerie Kelley, Maggie Lutz/middle row - Andrea Fiutem/bottom row - Kelli Lang, Tori Wehr

SCHEDULE

SEASON:

12/1/03	vs. Southwestern Shelby
12/4/03	vs. North Decatur
12/5/03	vs. Edinburgh
12/8/03	vs. Waldron
12/10/03	vs. Milan
12/15/03	vs. South Decatur
12/20/03	vs. Triton Central
1/3/04	vs. Milan
1/3/04	vs. Switzerland County
1/13/04	vs. Hauser
1/15/04	vs. South Ripley
1/20/04	vs. Union County
1/22/04	vs. Jac-Cen-Del
1/29/04	vs. Greensburg
1/31/04	vs. Switzerland County
2/3/04	vs. Lawrenceburg

The Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball team finished the year with a record of 1-15. Even though the girls didn't win many games, they still had fun playing and never gave up.

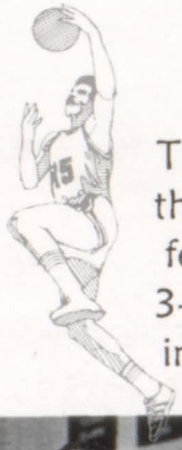
Freshman Klair Kerker comments on the girls' basketball season, "I never played...but it was fun!"

Boys Basketball

Jeremy Roell played tight defense against some of the areas top players.

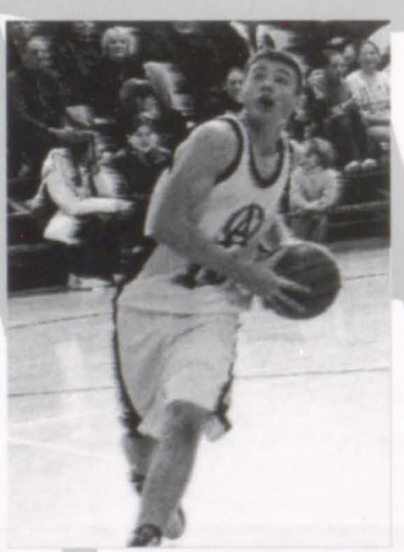
Members of the team include: **(Back row; from left)** Head Coach Jeff Gorrell, Joey Neizer, Pierce Ebinger, Jeremy Roell, Alex Brack, Jake Johnson, Assistant Coach Rob Brack, **(Front row; from left)** Mike Moorman, Joe Hoff, Adam Gehring, Nathan Eckstein, and Andy Eckstein.

Joey Neizer proved to be a valuable asset to the team. He is shown here looking for the open man.

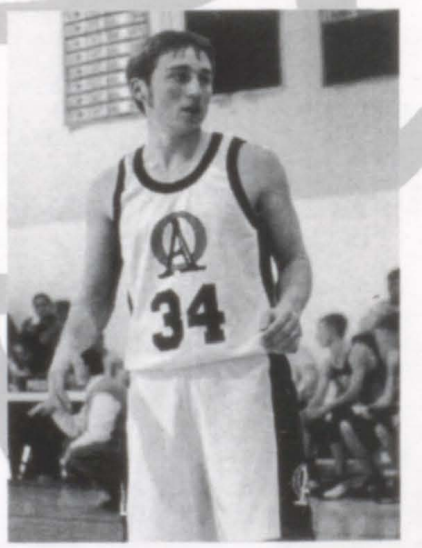


This year's boys' basketball team had some goals coming into this season. They accomplished one main goal of deafeating a few IHSAA schools on thier way to a 4-17 record including a 3-2 home mark. The five loyal seniors were successful in helping to build the foundation for the boys' basketball program.

Pierce Ebinger was a force in the middle this season and emerged as a solid inside presence.



Nathan Eckstein was efficient on the offensive end and led the team in scoring.



Adam Gehring ran the show this year as the team's primary point guard.

JV Boys Basketball

The Oldenburg Academy Junior Varsity Basketball team had a rough season. Coach Rob Brock led the JV twisters through their season. The team suffered some injuries throughout the year and lost several players, resulting in less substitutes for the starting five . Although their record didn't show it, they did improve as the year progressed. They finished the season with an overall record of 1-18.

Pann Thamrongwang congratulated the JV team saying, "Way to go guys!"

Joe Bailey's thought for the season was, "Everybody loves Pann."

JV Boys Basketball Team Results

	OA	Opponent
East Central	29	54
South Decatur	58	67
Milan	27	31
Hauser	28	64
Rising Sun	15	42
Lawrenceburg	30	38
Park Tudor	36	56
South Ripley	37	46
Edinburgh	23	35
Triton	28	54
Waldron	30	45
Clark Montessori	34	27
Jac-Cen-Del	25	51
Taylor	28	37
Morristown	21	42
Union Co.	32	57
Southwestern	30	40
Shawe Memorial	28	43
Switzerland Co.	29	44

From left to right: **Top Row**; Coach Rob Brack, Joseph Wanstrath, Pann Thamrongwang, Stephen Brown, Andrew Kretschmann, **Bottom Row**; Michael Bruns, Joe Bailey, Zachary Davis, RJ Raab, Thomas White. **Not pictured**: Ken Fussner

Swimming

The Oldenburg Academy Swim team left to right: (First row) Andy Nobbe, Casey Niezer, Colette Ryan, Samantha Freese, Coach Joanne Schrimpf,(Second row) Emma Clohessy, Elizabeth Schrimpf, Katherine Marticke, Megan Lambert. (Not pictured) Sarah Richards

"We are so cool, we are the school with no pool!"

Above: Nice towels!

According to both team members and coaches, the OA Swim Team had a productive and fun season.

Upon completing a successful season, they went to sectionals and Elizabeth Schrimpf went to state for the fourth year in a row. The team was full of spunk and heart. They worked together and with all their talents combined created an awesome team.

twist this twist this cheerleading 03-04

The 2003-2004 Cheerleading squad consists of: **Left to Right**: Krystal Sizemore, Madonna McGovern, Jenny Schuman, Kate Ball, and Jessica Sallee. **Not Pictured**: Hannah Seevers

The 2003-2004 cheerleading season was definately a rebuilding one. With the loss of seven cheerleaders from last year and a coach, the remaining cheerleaders had to pull together to get the squad back on its feet. Meredith and Linda McGovern took over as and coached the squad to a wonderful season. Senior Madonna McGovern was elected captain and Junior Kate Ball was co-captain. The girls wowed the crowd with new routines and stunt sequences. This year, the cheerleaders had their first lock-in and also planned the first Winter Homecoming. At the awards banquet, awards were handed out as follows: Most Pep and Enthusiasm- Hannah Seevers; Most Athleticism- Jessica Sallee; Most Improved- Krystal Sizemore; Co-MVP's- Madonna McGovern and Kate Ball; and the Twister Award went to Jenny Schuman.

Stunts performed this year included: full extensions, basket tosses, liberties, heel stretches, arabesques, twist ups, twist downs, and a flip over. Great job girls!

2004 Spring Sports

Girls' Tennis 2004
Hit Me With Your Best Shot!

The tennis team consists of: Front *(left to right)*: Caitlin Glassburn, Kristin Billingsley, Charlotte Grant, Erin Loch, Abby Weber, and Chelsea Ault **Back:** Coach Sally Foster, Cassie Galle, Rebecca Miller, Valerie Eckstein, Renee Smith, Madonna McGovern, and coach Bertie Schmidt

OVERHEARD ON THE COURTS

Donuts?

"Youre warm..."

"Freshmen! Get the balls!"

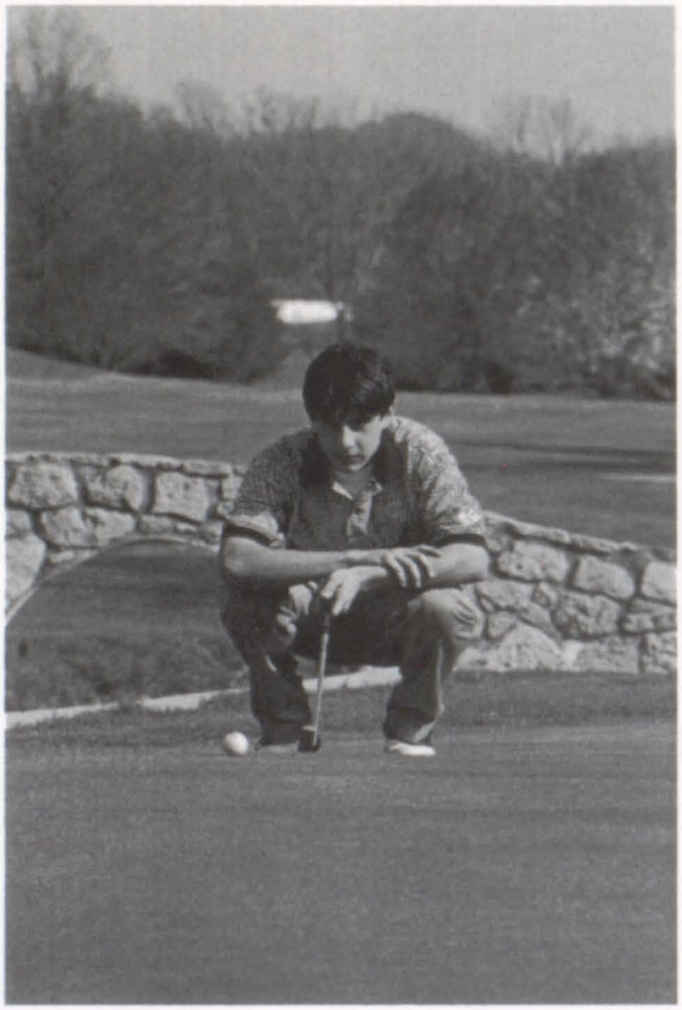
"Don't pull a 'Mo'!"

"HOOCH!"

The tennis team had a rough season this year. With only ten girls on the team, everyone recieved major playing time. This year the team had their first senior night. Although, the team lost in the first round of sectionals, both doubles teams won and number 1 doubles (Renee Smith and Valerie Eckstein)went on to the next round to play against Franklin County. Despite some on-court bickering at times and a huge ball fight, the girls still had a great time and bonded over... what else?... DONUTS!

Boys' Golf

Left to Right: Coach Ken Meyers, Ken Fussner, Mike Williams, Kevin Pingsterhaus, Butch Wade, Nick Lamping, Michael Bruns, Bryan Lanning, Brian Borst, Joe McCullough



Above: Nick Lamping lines up his putt on the final hole.

Above: The golf team stands by while Kevin Pingsterhaus gets ready to hit the ball off the tee (aka Michael Bruns).

In only their secound year, the boys golf team had a great season. Along with having a lot of fun together, the boys also managed to win a number of matches. Sophomore Kevin Pingsterhaus commented, "I had a great time this season. It was great to compete with the other schools in this area and play at all the different golf courses." Freshman Michael Bruns said, "I am looking forward to being a member of the OA golf team for the next three years."

Varsity Softball

Kate Ahaus prepares to pitch the ball to a Union County batter.

(Left to Right) **Row1:** Kara Kerker, Kristen Johnson, **Row 2:** Olivia Lopez, Brittany Small, Kelsea Kerker, Cierra Knueven, Taryn Fledderman, Kate Ahaus, **Row 3:** Manager Klair Kerker, Kate Schoetmer, Megan Dickman, Kelli Lang, Jenna Meyer, Coach Hank Ahaus, Brittany "Bert" Wurtz, Coach Jackie Fitzgerald

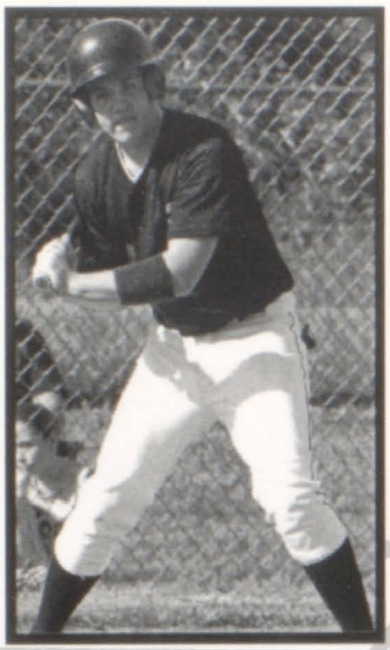
Taryn Fledderman sacrificed herself for the team at sliding practice. The price she paid...see above.

Above: Kate Ahaus perfects her sliding technique during practice.

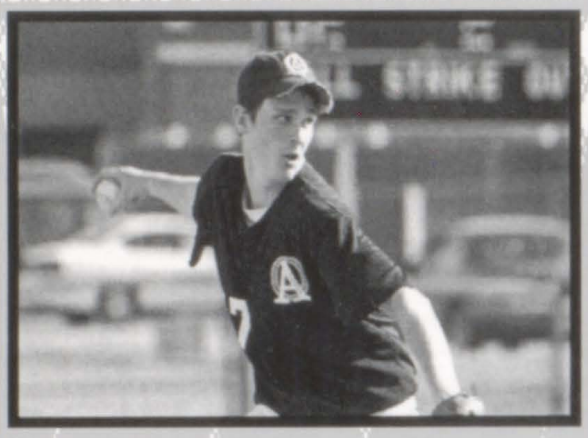
The 2004 Varsity Softball team had a rough season this year. Returning to the team were six of the nine starters from last year. Three other players returned from last year's team. With so many people returning from last year and the new players that joined, expectations were high at the beginning of the season. After many rained-out games, the Twisters finally took home a few wins, preceded and followed by losses. Sectionals were held at Hauser High School on May 24 and May 26. The Lady Twisters came out victorious in the first round of sectionals against the South Decatur Lady Cougars. They won 7-6 in 9 innings. In the second round of sectionals, they were defeated by the Hauser Jets 1-6. The softball team also made a few records this year: they had the most wins in a season, the first to advance through the first round of sectionals, and sophomore Jenna Meyer had the first home-run over the homefield fence.

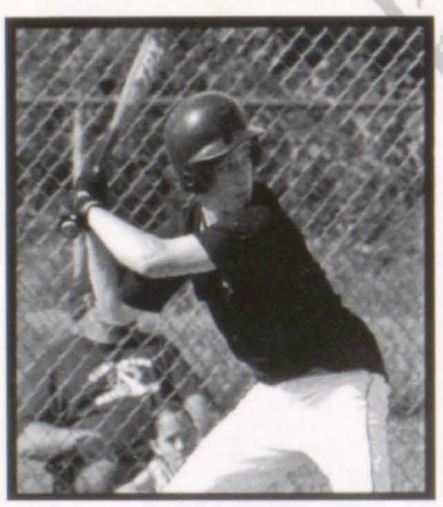
Above: Kara Kerker stands ready to hit the ball.

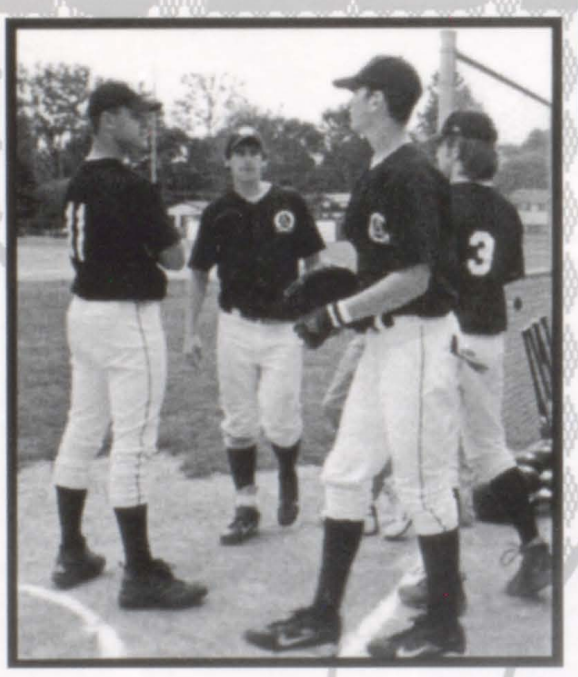
Baseball



The boys' baseball team, with nine seniors and as defending sectional champions, had high expectations coming into the season. They didn't disappoint as they finished with a final record of 18-11. The boys went on to defeat Rising Sun, Madison Shaw, and Jac-Cen-Del in all rounds of sectionals. Although the boys tried their best, they sufferred a heartbreaking loss to the Hauser Jets in the first round of regionals. Great job, guys!







Baseball

VARSITY

Members of the team include: (Top Row; From Left) Assistant Coach Bill Burke, Bobby Rauch, Josh Werner Joey Niezer, Jake Johnson, Alex Brack, Jeremy Roell, Rob Wuestefeld, Head Coach Doug Behlmer, (Bottom Row; From left) Joe Schutte, Andy Eckstein, Dan Kuntz, Tim Doyle, Nathan Eckstein, Matt Schutte, and Devin Moss.

Junior Varsity

Members of the team include: (Top Row; From Left) Head Coach Steve Greiwe, Joe Kolks, Joe Hoff, Charlie Ruberg, Steven Brown, (Bottom Row; From Left) Joe Bailey, Andrew Kretschmann, Steven Harmeyer, Thom White, and Adam Fritsch

girls' track

the leaders of the pack...

Senior Ticia Yeager rounds the corner to pass on the baton.

Pictured above (back to front, left to right) Coach Merle Hines, Dominika Roberts, Melissa Mitter, Casey Niezer, Erica Baechle, Ticia Yeager, Diana Dietz, Brooke Meier, Valerie Kelley, Coach Diana Schutte, Katie Brunsman, Leann Schuman, Amanda Frey, Sarah Schulte, Amelia Horninger, Madeline Wukusick, Marta Gruber, Tori Wehr, Jill Kuntz, Amanda Hornbach, Katie Welsh, and Lucy Brunsman.

Senior and Captain Ticia Yeager comments on the season "The underclassmen have been a great addition to the team. We've done better this year than many others, and everyone has worked very hard together to make the season both successful and enjoyable."

Pictured below from left to right: Freshman Tori Wehr hurdles towards the finish line. Freshman Dominika Roberts clears the high-jump with expertise. Freshman Valerie Kelley makes a steady landing in the long-jump. Senior Erica Baechle and Sophomore Elise Merkel make a switch of the baton to continue the race.

boys' track

running like the wind

Pictured above: back row, left to right - Coach Merle Hines, Joe Wanstrath, Joe Hertel, Jeff Frey, Joel Wukusick, Chris Werner, and Coach Schutte. Front row, left to right - Jeff Pater, Matt Waechter, Dan Weigel, Dustin Zins, and Andy Nobbe.

Pictured above, clockwise from top left: Matt Waechter competes in the discus competition, Dustin Zins carries the baton in a relay race. Joe Wanstrath finishes off the race with a quick sprint. Andy Nobbe gives it his all as he competes in shotput.

WAY TO GO

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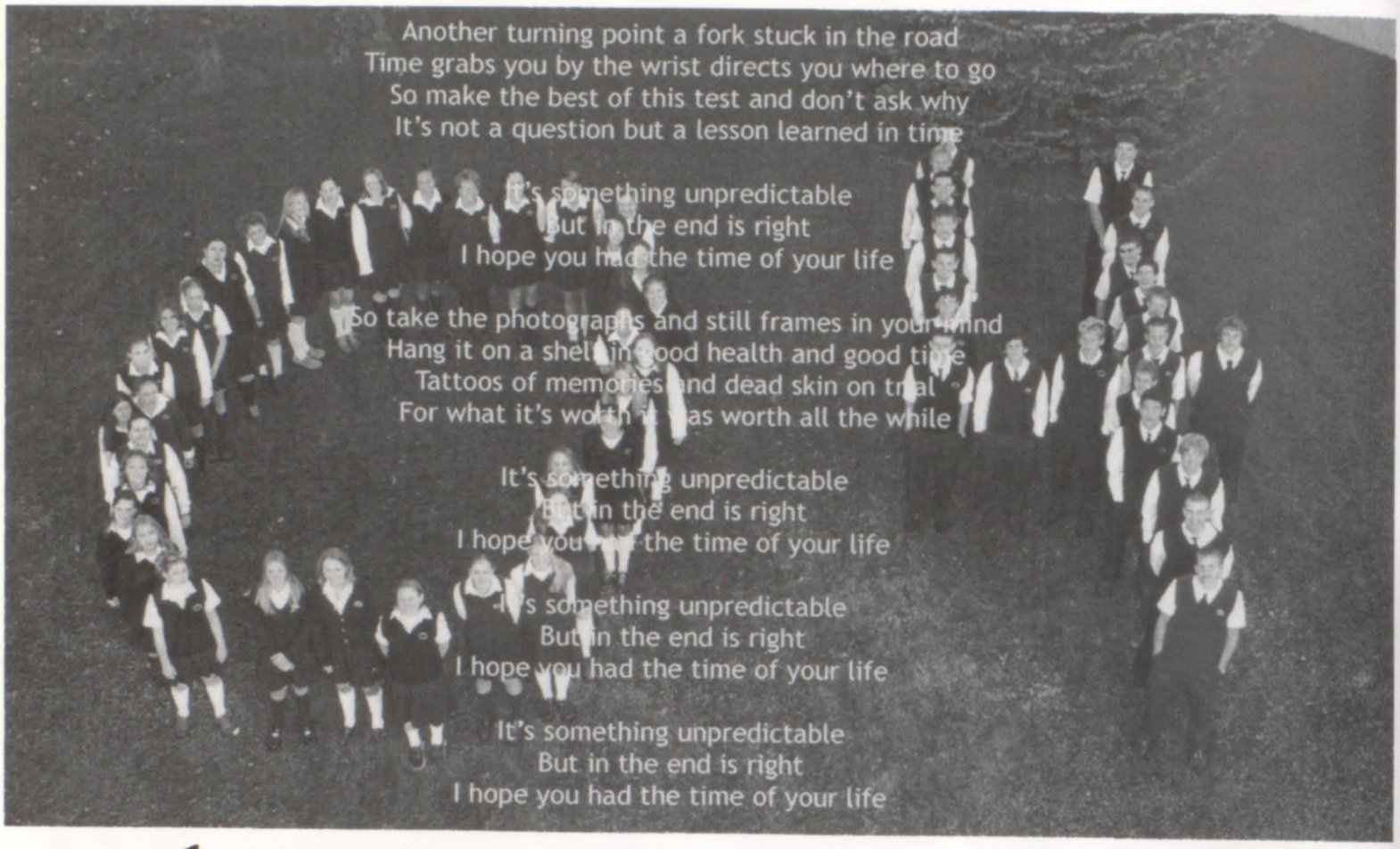
The Beginning of an End

Seniors 2004



Class Song: Greenday - "Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)"

Class Motto:

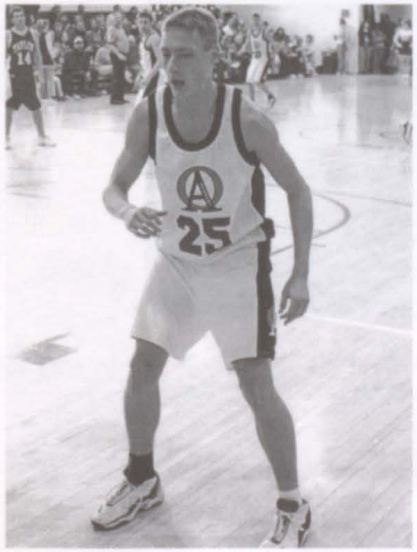
"Time is never time at all
You can never ever leave
Without leaving a piece of youth
And our lives are forever changed
We will never be the same."

from "Tonight, Tonight" by the Smashing Pumpkins

Class Flower: Oriental Lily

Class Colors: Blue, Lime Green, and Black

Volleyball Champs



Seniors

Anna Bursmar
Renee Smith
Thomas T Haynes
Valerie Eckstein
Rebecca Miller
Zachary Frey
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Mary Katherine
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Nick Missinger
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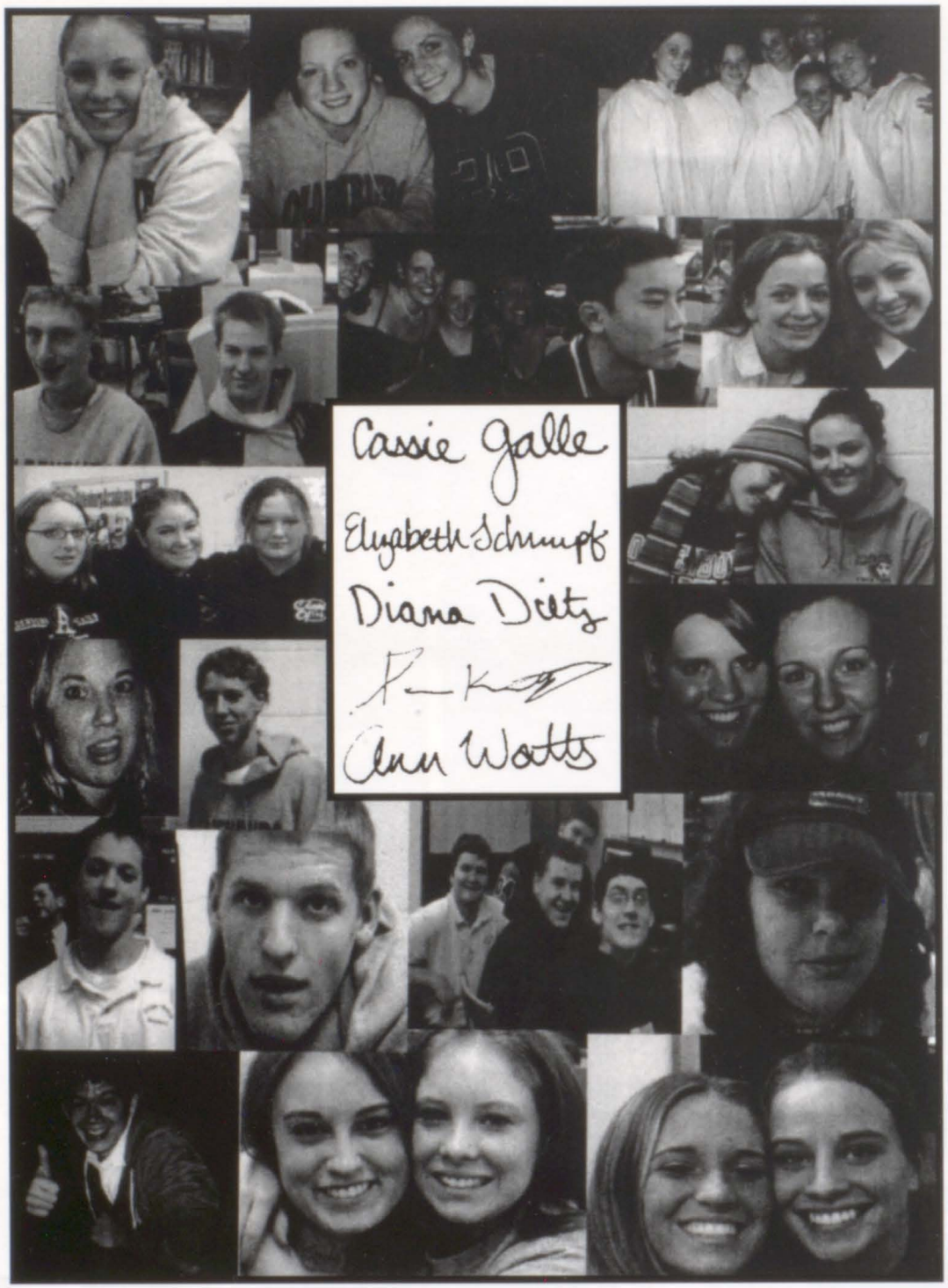
Joshua Freyer



Cassie Galle
Elizabeth Schnupf
Diana Dietz
Ann Watts

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Holly Bettie
Jarrod Schneider
Jennifer Schoman

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Amanda M. Kommerse

Sarah Richards

Adam Gehring

Jeremy Roell

Kara Kaku

Josh Werner

Madonna McGovern

Matt Schutte

Natha Eckstein

Whitney Luers

Amy Frazer

Jake Johnson

Tim Dayh

Kaitlin Brandt

Ticia Yeager

Stephanie Williams

Kayleigh A. Weber

Angela Martino

Liz Kommerse

Jay Smith

Penn Thonrongwang

Dee Sterwerf

Theresa Moratta

Emily Ripperger

Alex Gates

Claire Rutberg

Erica Baldrle

Bobby Rauch

BABY PICTURES

Erica Baechle
"We are very proud of all your accomplishments during your high school years. We wish you the best of luck in the future."
Love, Mom & Dad

Jessica Banks
"Grow not where you are planted- rather, where you wish to be reaped."
Love, Mom & Dad

Holly Bettice

Kaitlin Brandt
"Still the 'baby girl'. Soar high 'little bird'." We love you,
Mom & Dad

Diana Dietz

Zach Frey

Cassie Galle
"You were such a precious baby- everyone loved you! Now you have grown into a fine young woman and we all love you even more!"
Love, Mom, Dad,
Lee, & Eric

Alex Gates
"It seems like only yesterday that this picture was taken and now you're graduating! Alex, we wish you the best and hope all your dreams come true."
Love, Mom & Dad

BABY PICTURES

Adam Gehring
"You have grown into a nice young man with a great future ahead of you. We are both proud of you. Keep your winning attitude and you will go far. God bless you!"
Love, Mom & Dad

Kara Kerker
"You have made us so proud, and you have only just begun. We love you!"
Mom & Dad
Klair, Kelsea, and Taylor

Liz Konnersman
"Develop your gift of faith and continue to be a loving and forgiving person as you are. You are wonderful! We love you and thank God for you!"
Love, Tom and Mom

Whitney Luers
"Your smiles makes you beautiful, no matter what."
Love always, Dad & Connie

Nick Messinger
"We're proud of all your successes at Oldenburg. Follow your dreams whatever they may be, and always remember to never give up!" Love always, Mom & Dad

Mike Moorman

Jeremy Roell
"We are so proud of the man you have become. YOu have a heart of gold, and we know all your dreams will come true."
Love, Mom & Dad

Krystal Sizemore
"May God guide you in your journey." Love, Mom

BABY PICTURES

Jay Smith
"If you have the courage to begin, you have the courage to succeed. Now it is time for you to begin. I know you can do whatever you set your mind to do. I believe in you."
Love, Mom

Renee Smith
"Congratulations, Renee!"
Love, All Your Family

Dee Sterwerf
"Good luck in al you do. God bless you." Love, Mom & Dad

Pann Thamrongwang
"May all your dreams come true, Pann. We have truly enjoyed having you as part of our family."
Rut, Jacki, and Jeremy Roell

Stephanie Williams
"Our sweet baby girl, now grown-up and dear; she'll soon leave us, and we have so much to fear! May God's loving kindness be always so near."
Love & Prayers, Mom & Dad

Nikki Wittmer
"You have flown to Never Never Land, ventured over the rainbow, and traveled to France. There is always tomorrow to look forward to- we love you and are so proud of you." Hugs & Kisses,
Mom, Dad, Brian, & Alex

Ticia Yeager
"Anyone who has paid her training dues has earned the right to a spot at the starting line. You go girl! We love you!

A WORD FROM THE WISE

Erica Lynn Baechle
"To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift." -Steve Prefontaine

Jessica Marie Banks
"Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go." -T.S. Elliot

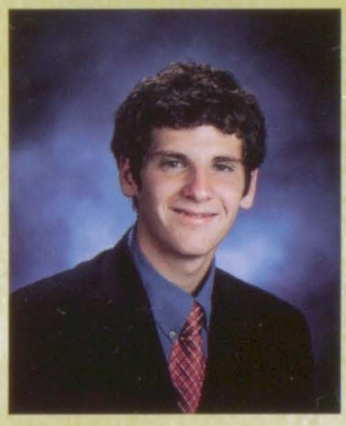
Holly Louise Bettice
"In the end, the dreams you dream are all you ever were."

Kaitlin Marie Brandt
"What is meant to be will always find a way."

Anna Rose Brunsman
"In the Great Bathtub of Life, the truth is harder to grasp than the soap and even harder to find."

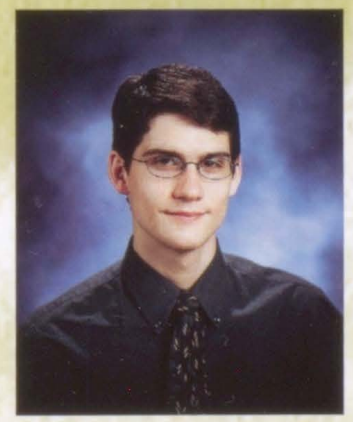
Ashlee Ann Dieckmann
"The past is gone but something might be found to take it's place."

Diana Veronica Dietz
"What you feel is what you are and what you are is beautiful." -Goo Goo Dolls



Timothy Michael Doyle
"We're lost but we're making good time." -Yogi Berra

Nathan Frank Eckstein
"You should always go to other people's funerals; otherwise they won't come to yours." -Yogi Berra



Rudy Alexander Eckstein
"Everything you heard about me is true...Except the stuff I made up."

Valerie Rose Eckstein
"I hope life isn't a big joke, because I don't get it." -Jack Handey

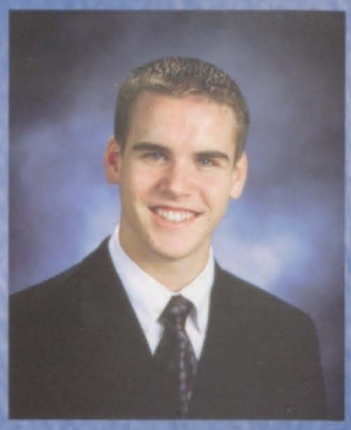
Amy Nicole Frazer
"Why live life on the edge when you can jump off?"

A WORD FROM THE WISE

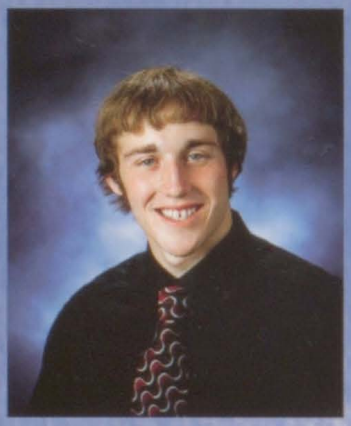
Zachary John Frey
"Tis better to be silent and to be thought a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt."

Joshua Ronald Freyer
"Go where the silence is and say something."

Cassandra Suzanne Galle
"I don't know why we are here, but I'm pretty sure it is not in order to enjoy ourselves."



Alex Christopher Gates
"Learn from the past, live in the present, lean towards the future."



Adam Steven Gehring
"I couldn't wait for success...so I went ahead without it."

Thomas Francis Haynes
"To deny our own impulses is to deny the very thing that makes us human."

Mary Kate Ann Frances Henrickson
"Half of being smart is knowing what you're dumb at."

Sara Beth Hoeing
"A question that sometimes drives me hazy: Am I or are the others crazy?"

Jacob Michael Johnson
"The world is drowning in idiots...learn to swim."

Kristen Marie Johnson
"The greatest thing in life is to know that even fools are right."

Kara Jane Kerker
"To be different from everyone else inevitably makes us all the same."

Elizabeth Marie Konnersman
"Never judge a book by its movie."

A WORD FROM THE WISE

Amanda Marie Koumoutsos
"Death is life's way of telling you you're fired."

Daniel Joseph Kuntz
"Don't always follow the crowd; nobody goes there anymore because it's too crowded."

Whitney Gayle Luers
"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: It goes on."

Angela Christine Martino
"If you risk nothing, you risk everything."

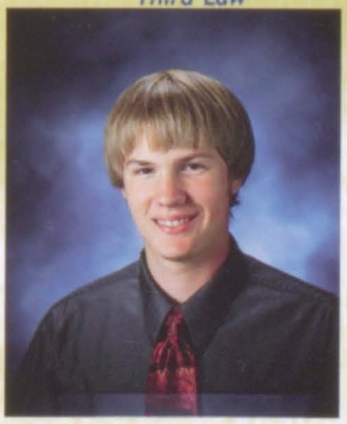
Mark Allen McCullough
"I'm no good putting myself in other people's shoes. I'm too busy trying to get my own to fit."
-Adam Duritz

Madonna Nicole McGovern
"One can not touch without being touched." -Newton's Third Law

Nicholas Joseph Messinger
"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."

Rebecca Renee Miller
"Work like you don't need the money; dance like no one is watching; love like you've never been hurt."

Theresa Lorene Moenter
"The best way to predict the future is to create it."



John Michael Moorman
"There is but an inch of difference between a cushioned chamber and a padded cell."
-Gilbert Keith Chesterton

Robert John Rauch
"Saying goodbye to the oldies but goodies, because the old days weren't always so good, and tomorrow ain't as bad as it seems. "

Sarah Alyse Richards
"Everything happens for a reason."

A WORD FROM THE WISE

Emily Suzanne Ripperger
"Why be a pessimist!? It probably won't work anyways."

Jeremy Carl Roell
"Basketball in 49 other states is just a game...but this is Indiana."

Claire Christine Ruberg
"My intelligence is like a lighthouse in a bog...brilliant but useless..."

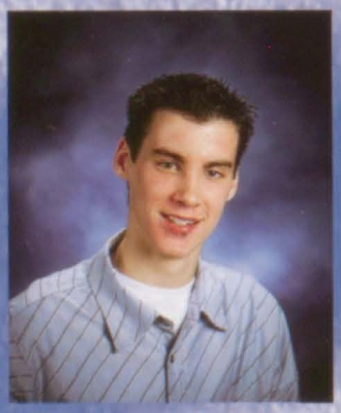
Jarrod Nicholas Schneider
"Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine."

Elizabeth Patricia Schrimpf
"If I were a king, if I had everything, then what in the world would I have to sing for?" -Dave Matthews

Jennifer Marie Schuman
"Even a stopped clock is right twice a day."

Matthew Paul Schutte
"When you swing for the fence you could go really far, but if you swing too hard you might not go anywhere."

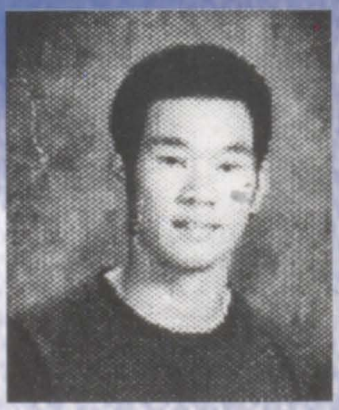
Krystal Nicole Sizemore
"If I were a flamingo I would be pink, but I'm not, so I'm blue."



Jay Robert Smith
"Have you noticed light goes fast? So don't worry about what you see, it will pass." -JayZ

Renee Nicole Smith
"If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you."

DeAnna Lorraine Sterwerf
"There are three types of people in the world: those who can count and those who can't."



Pann Korneak Thamrongwang
"90% of all short putts don't go in."

A WORD FROM THE WISE

Douglas Mackenzie Wanstrath
"Without expectations there's no disappointments."

Ann Louise Watts
"Change is ineviable, except from vending machines."

Kayleigh Anne Weber
"If I can't dance, I don't want to be part of your revolution."

Joshua David Werner
"You can do it. It's all up to you, mmkay!"

Stephanie Susan Williams
"A graduation ceremony is an event where the commencement speaker tells students dressed in identical caps and gowns that individuality is the key to success."

Nicole Marie Wittmer
"A day wasted is a day with no laughter."

Robert William Wuesterfeld
"Life is too short to waste time thinking."

LaTicia Lillian Yeager
"Pressure is nothing more than the shadow of opportunity."
-Michael Johnson

in our own Words

Senior Superlatives

Best Smile

Liz Konnersman & Dan Kuntz

Quietest

Anna Brunsman & Josh Freyer

Best Actor/Actress

Nikki Wittmer & Nick Messinger

Best Driver

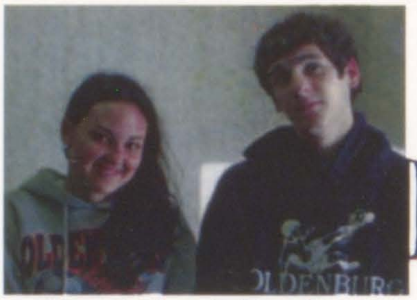
Claire Ruberg & Jake Johnson

Most Likely to Cause a Stir When Together

Tim Doyle & Adam Gehring

Whitney Luers & Kaitlin Brandt

Best Hair



Kara Kerker & Tim Doyle

Smartest

Claire Ruberg & Rudy Eckstein

Loudest

Amanda Komoutsos & Tim Doyle

Most Outgoing

Amanda Komoutsos & Tim Doyle

Class Clowns

Amanda Komoutsos & Tim Doyle

Best Personality

Ashlee Dieckmann & Matt Schutte

Best Dancer

Whitney Luers & Matt Schutte

Senior Superlatives

Least Changed Since Freshman Year

Angela Martino & Rudy Eckstein

Best Writer

Amanda Komoutsos & Rudy Eckstein

Most Artistic

Emily Ripperger & Bobby Rauch

Most Girl/Boy Couple

Kaitlin Brandt, Jake Johnson & Dan Kuntz

Most Athletic

Kristen Johnson & Nathan Eckstein

Most Likely to be President

Nikki Wittmer & Dan Kuntz

Best Eyes

Kara Kerker & Matt Schutte

Best Dressed

Elizabeth Schrimpf & Zach Frey

Worst Driver

Stephanie Williams & Jay Smith

Most Changed Since Freshman Year

Kaitlin Brandt & Josh Werner

Life of the Party

Krystal Sizemore & Mark McCullough

Most Likely to Join the Military

Cassie Galle & Rudy Eckstein

Most Likely to Succeed

Claire Ruberg & Tom Haynes

Senior Superlatives

Most Likely To Join the Religious Life

MaryKate Henrickson & Joshua Freyer

Most School Spirit

Madonna McGovern & Tim Doyle

Most Musical

Amanda Koumoutsos & Matt Schutte

Most Talkative

Elizabeth Schrimpf & Tim Doyle

Most Dramatic

Elizabeth Schrimpf & Alex Gates

Most Likely to be Famous

Amanda Koumoutsos & Rudy Eckstein

Most Laid Back

Amy Frazer & Mark McCullough

Friendliest

Nikki Wittmer & Pann Thamrongwang

Cutest Couple

Theresa Moenter & Zach Frey

Worst Car

Amanda Koumoutsos & Alex Gates

Best Car

Krystal Sizemore & Mark McCullough

Most Likely to stay in Hometown

Valerie Eckstein & Bobby Rauch

(gul'ə bl), *adj.* see above

Madonna McGovern & Nick Messenger

Most Involved

Nikki Wittmer & Matt Schutte

Most Gullible

Juniors

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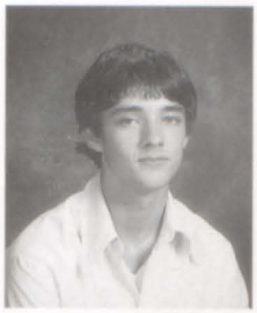
Monica Alunday

Kathryn Ball

Felicia Bedel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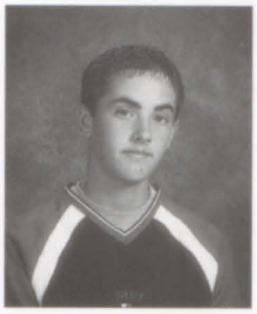
Ruth Cook

Leslie Cradler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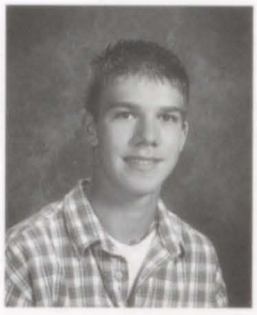
Sara Freese

Amanda Frey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Lindsey Jackson

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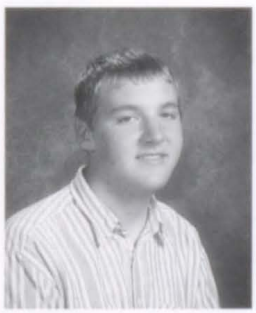
Kimberly Koehne

Jessica Lamping

Maria LaRosa

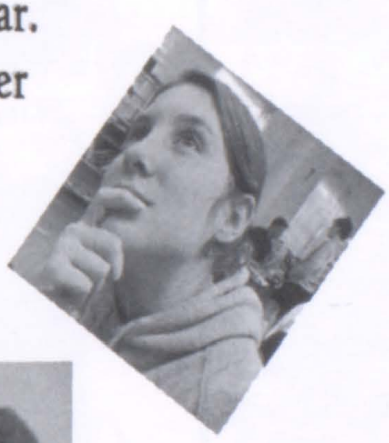


Kasey Meriwether

Amanda Mersch

Junior year is like a periodic table: full of elements.
~Joey Niezer

Junior year was a lot of fun, but I am excited to move on to my senior year.
~Becca Sedler



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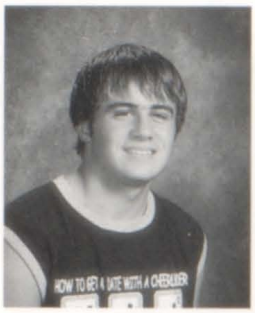
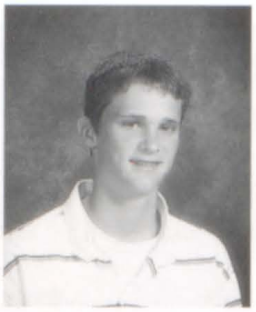
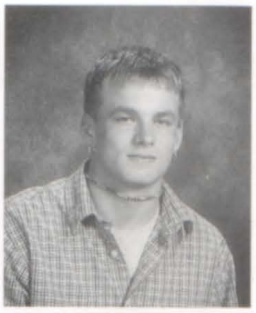


Ray Miller

Devin Moss



Joseph Niezer



Terry Norman

Megan Pohlar

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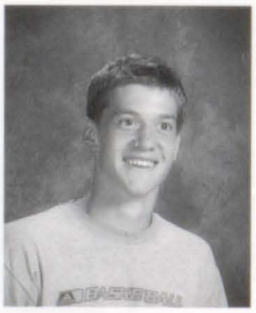
Evan Wade

Chris Werner

Laura Witt



Joel Wukusick

Below, a group plays on the slides during a break outside.

On Thursday, the class had talks, reflections, watched a video about what's right in our world, and then went out as a small group to "capture God in our world on film."

The Junior Retreat was held at Higher Ground Retreat Center on November 12th and 13th in Harrison. It was facilitated by Marlene Wukusick and Pete Mack. The theme was "And Now I See," because it was about seeing faith in a new way and seeing God in the world.

The retreat was wrapped up with a Mass on Thursday planned by the junior class.

Becca Sedler, Sarah Kirschner, and Adam Feldbauer look like they've been sleep-deprived for weeks.

On Wednesday night, they had a panel of college students share their views on God and religion. They also had games, discussions and a hayride that evening.

Junior Retreat

(L to R, clockwise) 1) Becca Sedler, Sarah Kirschner, Adam Feldbauer, Joel Wukusick, Brittany Small, and Ruth Cook hang out in a circle with their group. 2) Sarah Kirschner, Becca Sedler, Mrs. Ruberg, Ruth Cook, and Brittany Small all sport their orange mouths. 3) A group of juniors hang out in the woods. 4) Linny Jackson and Joe Hoff are laughing about something funny. Who knows would that would be with Joe around. 5) The junior girls put a hand in. 5) A group plays an intense game of Risk.

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Sophomores

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Class of 2006

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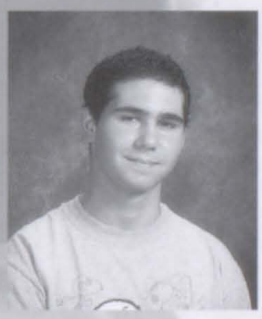
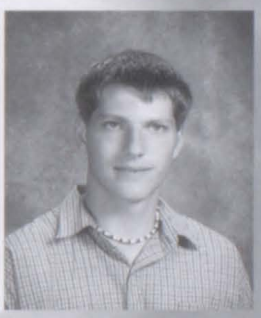
Kate Ahaus
Paul Billingsley

Kevin Blank
Brian Borst
Steven Brown

Katie Brunsman
Seth Bullock
Valerie Case

Megan Dickman
Nicholas Disimile
Pierce Ebinger

Sophomores

Class of 2006

Andy Eckstein
Ashley Flaspohler
Geoffrey Frey

Ken Fussner
Matthew Gehring
Marta Gruber

Steven Harmeyer
Sarah Hoff
Amanda Hornbach

Amelia Horninger
Andrea Johnston
Kimberly Johnston

Sophomores

Class of 2006

Moriah Kramer
Jill Kuntz
Nicholas Lamping

Erin Loch
Olivia Lopez
Joe McCollough

Casey McGuire
Brooke Meier
Elise Merkel

Jenna Meyer
James Milby
Sarah Miller

Sophomores

Class of 2006

Melissa Mitter
Stephanie Osborn
Kevin Pingsterhaus

Jona Roell
Jessica Sallee
LeAnn Schuman

Hannah Seevers
Katie Welsh
Thom White

Michael Williams
Brittany Wurtz

Sophomores

SOPHOMORE

"Born To Be Fabulous"

"The Sophomore retreat was a lot better than everybody perceived it to be. We had some fun and got to know and appreciate our classmates better. The best part about the retreat was probably the awards that we gave our classmates. Don't worry Jess I still love ya, lol." -Stephen Brown.

"It was peachy and I felt born fabulous. It was a good experience and I got closer to my class." -Sarah Miller.

Chuck, also known as Andy Eckstein, expressed himself with this deep qoute. "It was good." It took Chuck a long time to come up with that so give him a little credit.

"I had a lot of fun spending time with my friends." -Leann Schuman

RETREAT

Freshmen Class Officers

President:
Madeline Wukusick

Vice President:
Casey Niezer

Secretary:
Tori Wehr

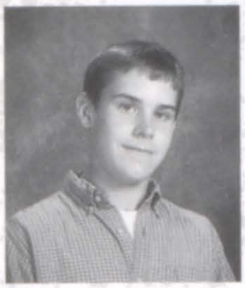
Tresurer:
Jonathon Maple

Representative:
Lizzie Bockstiegel

Left to Right: Casey Niezer, Jonathon Maple, Tori Wehr, Lizzie Bockstiegel
Not Picured: Madeline Wukusick

FRESHMEN

Chelsea Ault
Joe Bailey
Kristen Billingsley
Lizzie Bockstiegel



Michael Bruns
Lucy Brunsman
Emma Clohessy
Jacob Crocker

Zach Davis
Patrick Doyle
Peter Dubrowski
Andrea Fiutem

Katie Geiser
Caitlin Glassburn
Charlotte Grant
John Harrah

Kristen Jackson
Valerie Kelley°
Kelsea Kerker
Klair Kerker

IN·MY·OPINION

"My freshman year at OA is one I will never forget."
-RJ Raab

FRESHMEN

Cierra Knueven

Joseph Kolks

Andrew Kretschmann

Megan Lambert

Kelli Lang

Bryan Lanning

Maggie Lutz

Jonathon Maple

Katherine Marticke

Jorie Moss

"The more you learn, the more you remember. The more you remember, the more you forget. The more you forget the less you know, so why learn?"
-Dominika Roberts

2007

Casey Niezer

Andy Nobbe

Jeff Pater

R.J. Raab

Dominika Roberts

Charlie Ruberg

Katie Schoetmer

Sarah Schulte

Elizabeth Suding

Tiffaney Taylor

LOOK WHO'S TALKING

"The soccer team was great! We were like one big family!" -Caitlin Glassburn

CLASS OF 2007

FROSH

David Verbryke
Matt Waechter
Joe Wanstrath
Abby Weber

Tori Wehr
Daniel Weigel
Emily Wintz

Madeline Wukusick
Dustin Zins

Anna Fiutem and Elizabeth Suding smile for a picture.

The 6th Period Freshmen Chorus class takes a break from singing to pose for a quick photo.

Joe Bailey works diligently in Art Class on something.

During a Religion Class Jeopardy Match, Tori Wehr glares at her competitors.

Look at that smile! What a cutie!

Freshman Retreat

DON'T PUT ME IN A BOX!

This year's theme for the freshmen retreat was "Don't Put Me in a Box." Mrs. Wukusick was in charge of organizing the retreat which began in Olivia Hall. The retreat focused on not labeling or stereotyping each other.

All the freshmen got acquainted with one another, and met at their assigned tables. They played a series of games for icebreakers. A guest speaker from Margaret Mary Hospital talked about our nutrition and health. Freshmen were given our assignments for cooking our own meal. All freshmen had to bring in a vegetable. The vegetable were our lunch.

After lunch a student; guest speaker, Daniel Beasley, from Batesville High School. Talked to the freshmen about how put people in boxes, and how people have done the same to him.

This retreat was a great experience for everyone even though there might have been some ups and downs. The ups were learning about putting people in boxes. The downs was the food. Everyone was relieved to go home and eat some real food!

Katie Geiser

Tiffaney Taylor, Katie Geiser, RJ Raab

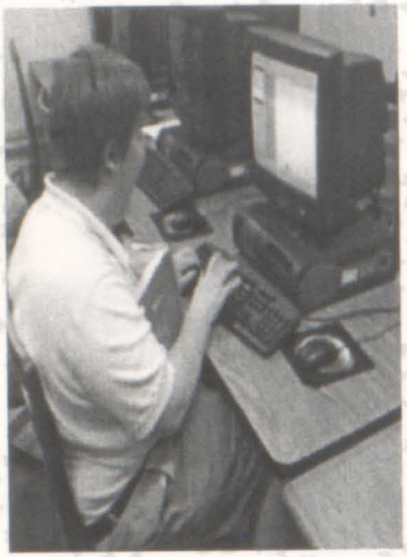
RJ doesn't want to be put in a box!

Mrs. Wukusick

Quote from a Freshman:
" It was a good experience, but I didn't like the food"
Pat Doyle

Technology

Mr. Griewe, the current teacher of the Technology class



David Verbryke

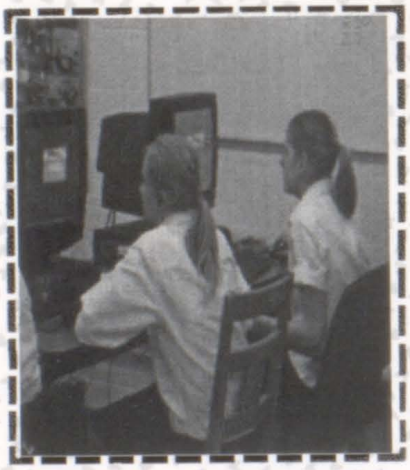
Students use the PC's in the computer lave. During eighth period class.

Seniors, working hard

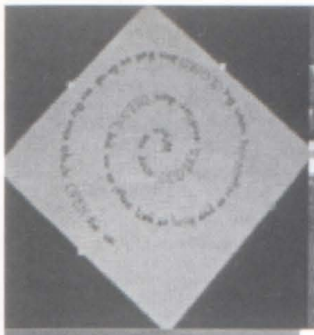
Mr. Griewe teaches Technology class at Oldenburg Academy. Oldenburg Academy is striving to be a leader in the latest cutting edge technology. Students currently use the two wireless labs, which they can transport to their classes. Then, they have the computer lab composed of the 32 PC's. Students are exposed to all the Mircosoft office suite programs and many other applications, including Powerpoint.

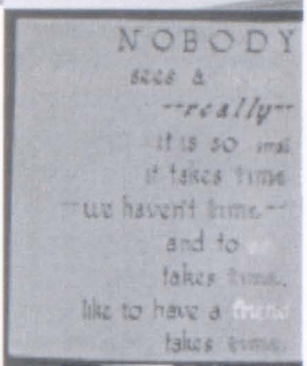
Using these programs challenge students to apply them for future use.

Oldenburg Academy is striving to go completely wireless with their new laptop program. "Applications learned in technology class help students realize the importance of their world and its growing economy," said Greiwe.



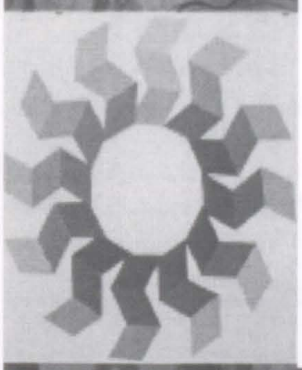
Q:What have you learned from Mr. Griewe's class?
A: I have learned how to use different applications.
Q: From what you have learned, where do you think you will apply it in real life?
A: From analyzing data it can help me to pursue a career in life.
Questions answered by Caitlin Glassburn

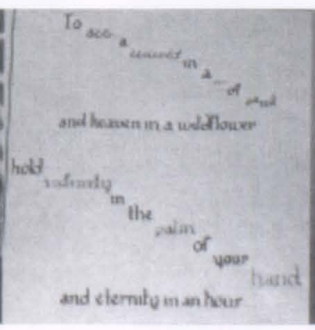


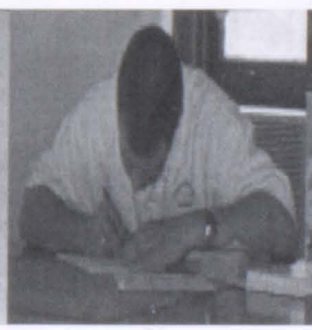


art

The art department was again headed by Ms. Burroughs. This year, the art department offered a number of classes: two dimensional art, visual communications, painting, computer graphics, and studio art. Despite the hike up four flights of stairs to the art room, many Oldenburg students remain devoted to improving their artistic skills. Nikki Wittmer, a senior, advanced placement art student says, "Oldenburg honestly has one of the best art departments around with a great teacher and super-talented students."







English

Books Read this Year:

Freshmen:

Of Mice and Men
Romeo & Juliet
The Bean Trees
The Ceremony
The Assistant
Buried Onions

Sophomores:

The Great Gatsby
In the Time of Butterflies
Lord of the Flies
Tale of Two Cities

Juniors:

The Illiad
The Odyssey
Native Son
Of Mice & Men
Catcher in the Rye
The Grapes of Wrath

Seniors:

Paradise Lost
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The Rime of the Ancient Mariner

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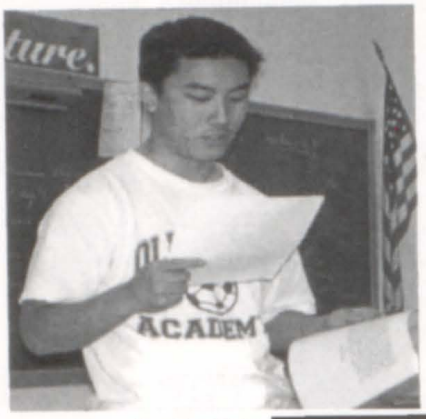


Above: Elizabeth Schrimpf and Tom Haynes wow the English class with their fascinating projects.

Left: Amy Frazer *really* gets into her multi-genre project by dressing up according to the time period.

Courses Offered:

English 9, 10, 11, 12
AP English
Journalism

QUOTEABLE:

" 'Live a balanced life- learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some'- Robert Fulghum could have been speaking of Oldenburg Academy. It's a true blessing to work in an atmosphere that fosters the development of well-rounded, 'complete' individuals. "

QUOTEABLE:

" Eleanor Roosevelt once said, 'The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dream.' Oldenburg students strive to succeed. May all of your dreams come true!"

TO THE SENIORS:

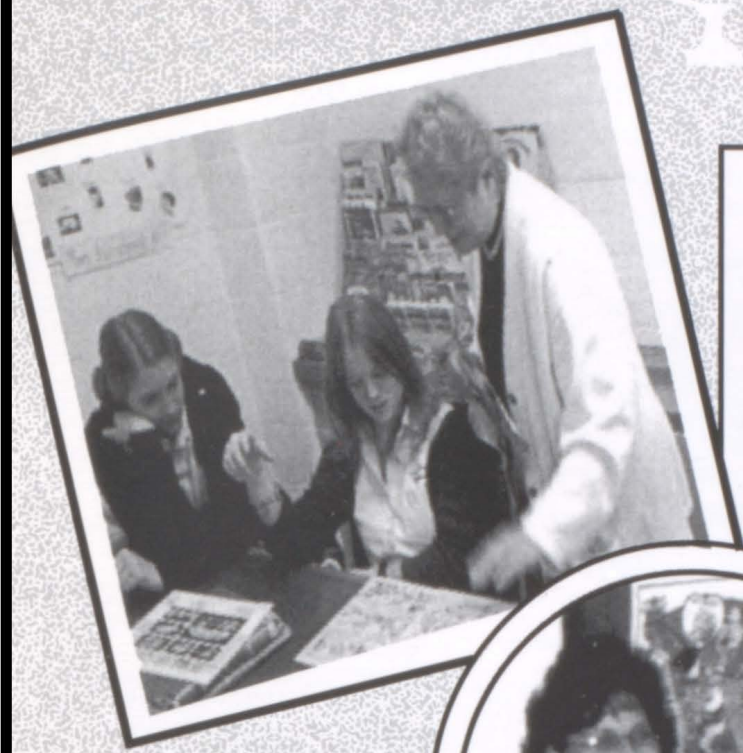
" To borrow from Shakespeare, 'Parting is such sweet sorrow.' I wish the seniors all kinds of good luck, but I'll admit that I'm going to to miss them -- the first class I sponsored at OA. "

Jerilyn Lowery
Journalism

Sandra Kimbrough
English 9, 10

Janey Stephens
English 11, 12, AP

Foreign Languages



Top Left: Frau Disney helps two of her students. **Top Right:** The Spanish class gets a little crazy in the gym. **Circle:** Madame Lamping is surprised when her AP class throws her a *second* baby shower! **Left:** One German class performed a traditional German song for their foreign language skit.

Three foriegn languages were offerred at Oldenburg this year: Spanish, German, and French. Spanish was taught by Kathleen Westerfeld, German by Madeline Disney, and French by Beth Lamping. Three students from German and French were selected to study abroad through IU Honors. Besides learning the language, foreign language students also learned about the culture and performed foreign language skits during foreign language week. Students also dappled in foreign cuisine during class, especially in French!

Bonjour!

Hola!

Gutentag!

Madame Beth Lamping

Frau Madeline Disney

Senora Kathleen Westerfeld

HEALTH AND P.E.

Above: A health class quietly works in their textbooks.

Health and Physical Education (P.E.) were taught by both Mr. Steve Snyder and Mrs. Annie Miller this year. This was Mr. Snyder's first year of being a teacher here at Oldenburg Academy, and along with teaching health and physical education, he was also the athletic director. "He explains health in great detail, which was really helpful" says freshman Lucy Brunsman.

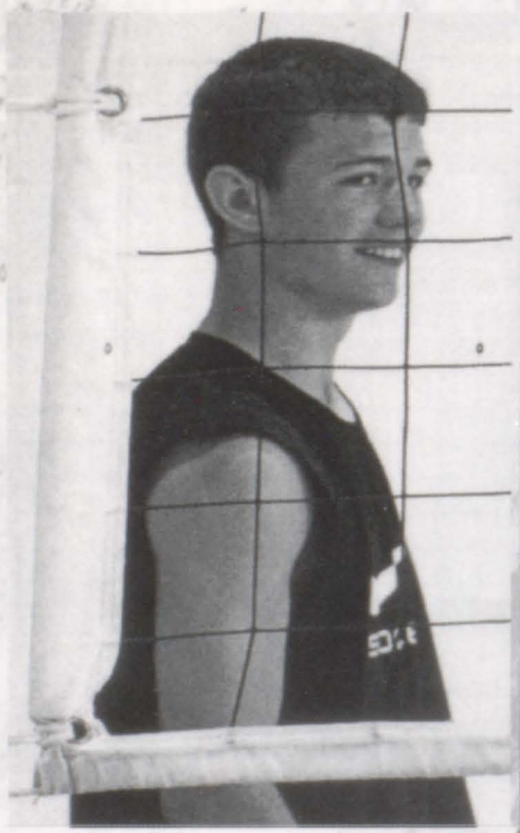
Mrs. Miller, who teaches science classes as well, taught the other health class. Her sense of humor helped to make the class more interesting and worth while for the freshman.

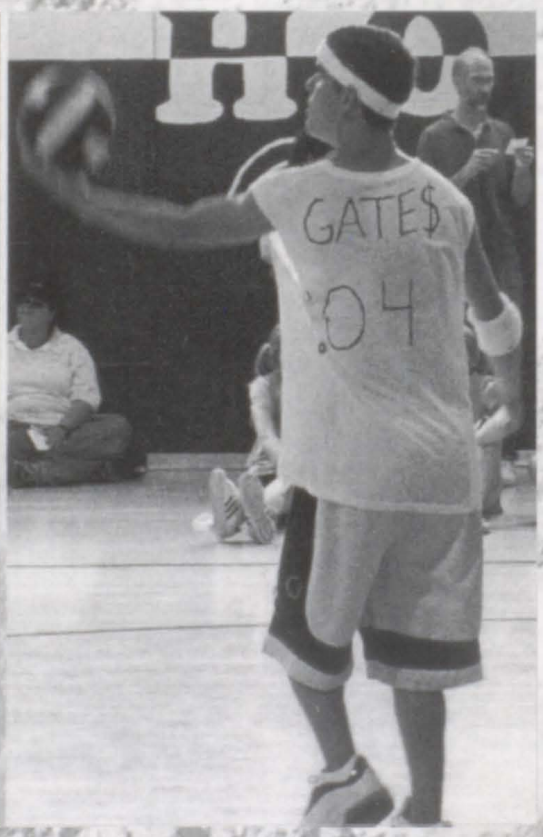
Although these two teachers presented differnt ways of approaching health, all the freshman were able to learn a great deal from them.

Annie Miller

"To know about health is to live right."
- Mrs. Miller

Steve Snyder





Right: Nathan Eckstein waits as Alex Gates perfects his serve.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Courses Offerred

World History
US History
AP U.S. History
Government
Economics
Psychology

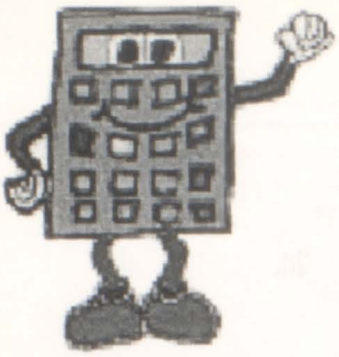
The Social Studies department offers six different courses to students. Charlene Weberding teaches most history classes, with the exception of AP U.S. History which is taught by Principal Connie Deardorff. In history, students learn all about the events that have led up to today using textbooks, movies, and the ever popular Trivial Pursuit. Students also learn about current events by bringing in articles every Friday.

Psychology is instructed by Sandy Kimbrough who prefers to sit in a circle and talk with the students rather than recite out of a textbook. The psychology class enoys learning about Sigmund Freud and psychological diseases. Perhaps the most entertaining activity in Psychology is watching "Everyone Rides the Carasoul".

Above: Senior Krystal Sizemore and Junior Amanda Mersch work on their psychology surveys.

A memorable event from this year was the death of former President Ronald Reagan. Mrs. Weberding didn't hesitate to call him a "great american".

Above: Instead of memorizing her presidents, Senior Ashlee Dieckmann decides to show her school spirit. Who *is* that in the twister costume?



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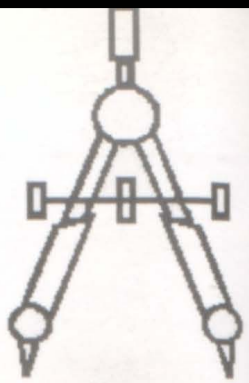
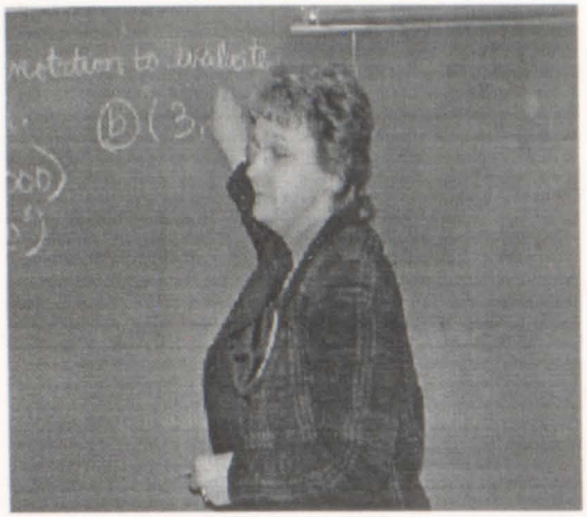


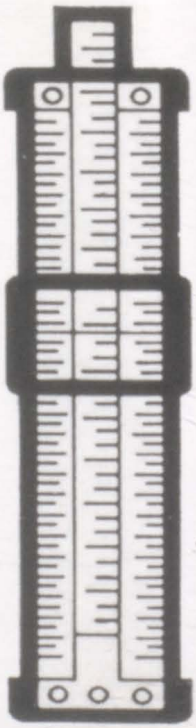


First year math teacher Mrs. Meriwether adapted well to her new enviornment here at OA and had a great year teaching.

Mr. Screwvala always tried to put a smile on students faces during his entertaining class periods. His favorite comic character, Dilbert, appears on many of his tests and quizzes.

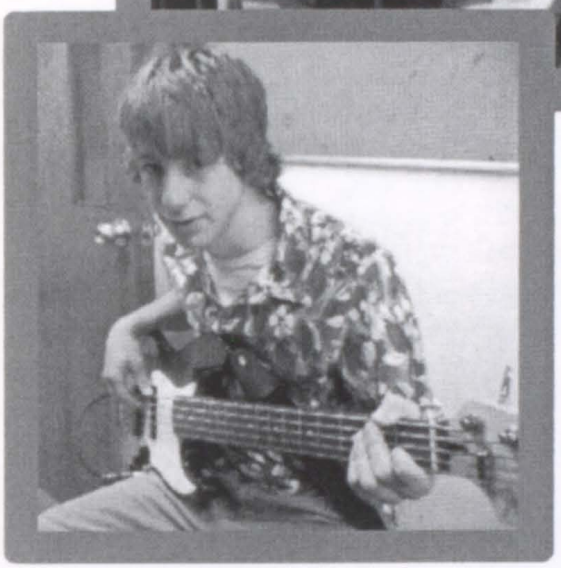
This year's math department included second year, upper level math teacher Mr. Screwvala and first year teacher Mrs. Meriwether. Mr. Screwvala taught Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, and also taught one physics class. Mrs. Meriwether taught Algebra and Geometry.

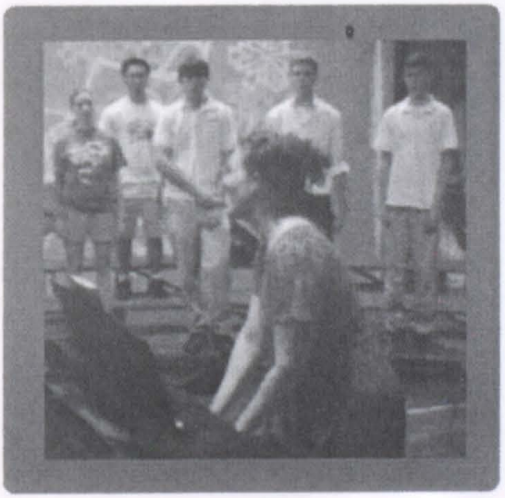
Jonathon Maple along with other freshman and sophomores work hard in their Algebra I class.

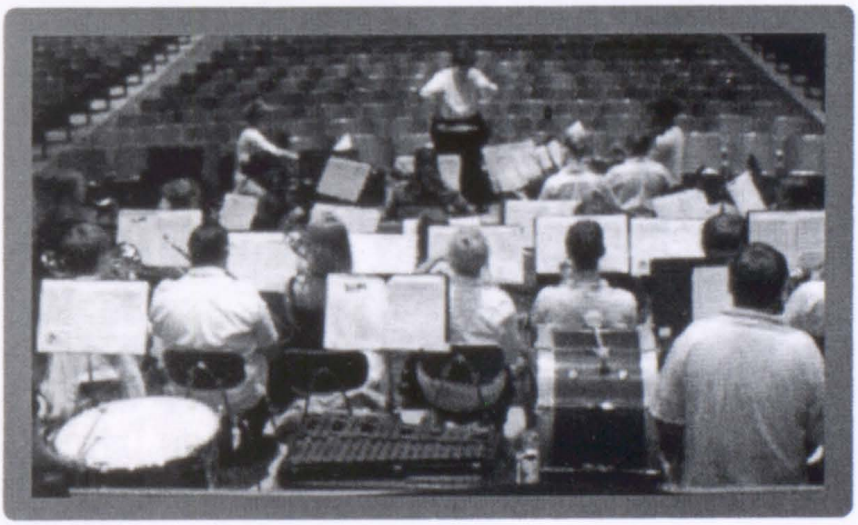


Music

The Oldenburg Academy Music Department experienced another successful year, under the direction of Mrs. Wampler and Mrs. Beirsdorfer. In the department both teachers work together to conduct orchestra, Academy Singers, concert choir, freshman chorus, sophomore chorus, and teach instrument and voice lessons. The music department also hosted two main concerts, participated in various school and community functions, and competed in a number of competitions, such as Indiana State School Music Association contest and Rural Alliance of the Arts.







RELIGION

Mrs. Amy Ruberg, head of the Religion Department, continued her five plus years of teaching this year. Mrs. Margarita Case also continued her 20 plus years as a member of the OA staff. Mrs. Ruberg continued to teach her freshmen classes "Introduction to Christianity and Old Testament", a curriculum that she continued from previous years. She decided to change things up a bit with seniors, going with a different curriculum. Since this is the first year that boys are in her senior theology class, she decided not to forego the traditional wedding project and opted for a different approach to marriage. Most of the other aspects of the "Intro to Theology" class are the same as in other years. The senior religion classes also got a new book this year, *Twelve Theological Dilemmas.* Mrs. Case continued her curriculum from years past. The sophomores studied World Religions and the juniors studied Morality.

The 6th period Freshmen Religion Class works diligently on an assignment.

Joe McCullough and Aaron Abell sneak a peak at the camera during religion class.

Zach Davis and Dominika Roberts are hard at work on a paper from Mrs. Ruberg.

Senior Madonna McGovern says, "Playing Jeopardy was a blast, but I'll always remember 'Have you seen my asses?'"

"I think Mrs. Ruberg makes class fun and tries to socialize with us to make religion a more fun experience." -Freshman Katie Geiser

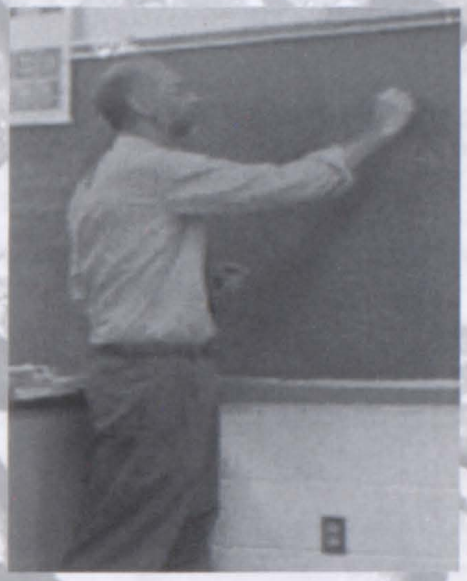
Mrs. Ruberg
Freshmen & Senior Religion
Department Head

Mrs. Case
Sophomore & Junior Religion

Science

Left: Mrs. Miller teaches her biology class about the human heart.

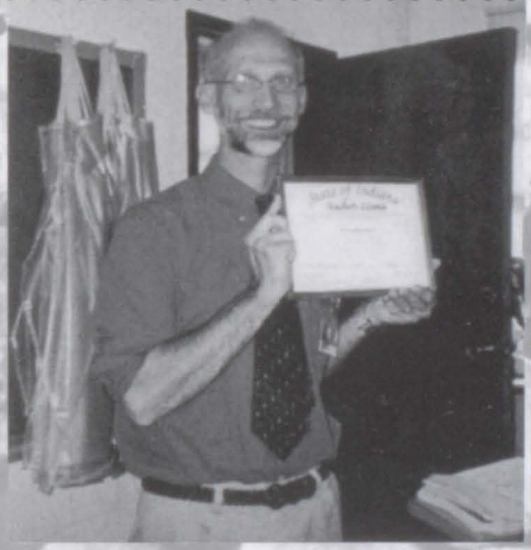
Right: Doc teaches another interesting lesson to his class.



Doctor Kristoff and Mrs. Miller were the heads of the science department this year. They brought fun to science by teaching their students through the use of labs, computers, and basic lecturing. The classes taught were biology, geology, chemistry, AP Chemistry, Physics, and Genetics. Advanced students also practiced their skills by judging local science fairs.

"Genetics was definately the hardest science class I've taken at OA. It was really fun and educational, despite all of our failed experiments. Yep, it was a toughie... but Doc was an awesome teacher."

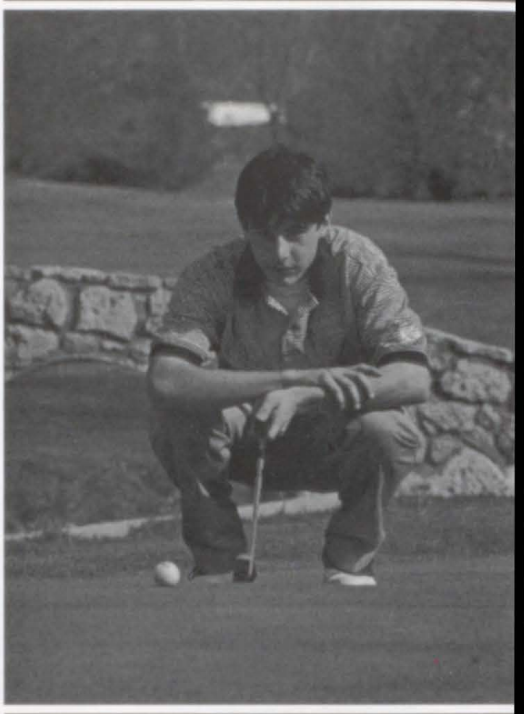
-Madonna McGovern
Senior



Clockwise from Top: Doc holds up his precious degree; Mrs. Miller loves her animals... whether they are still alive or not; Senior Elizabeth Scrimpf holds the other class pet- a hermit crab named AJ!

Above: Seniors Ashlee Dieckmann and Madonna McGovern show off the class pet- Seamonkeys!

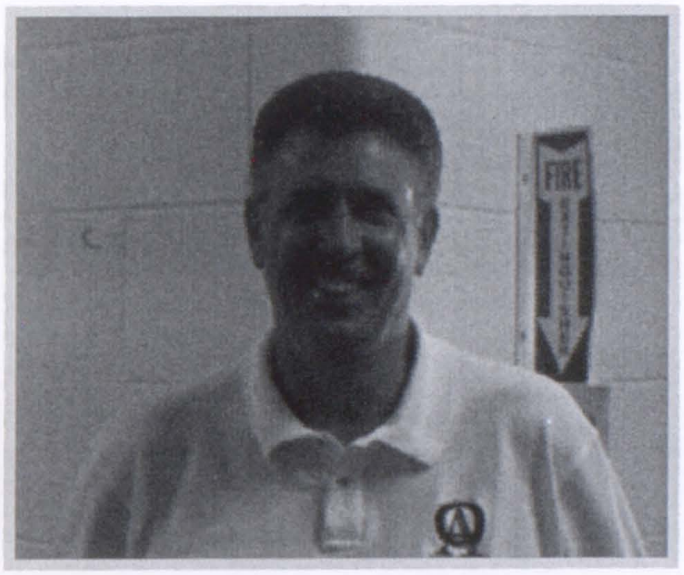
Spring Sports Candids



"Teacher Q&A"

What was your most interesting job?

"I drove tractor trailers around at Castallini produce. The best and worst part of the job was when I smashed a dog"- Mr. Griewe



"I worked in a fraternity at the age of 18 and got to travel across the country and stay in great hotel rooms" -Jackie

"I was a security guard at a casket company and worked the midnight shift, and walked up and down rows of caskets at 2 and 3 in the morning."-Mr. Snyder

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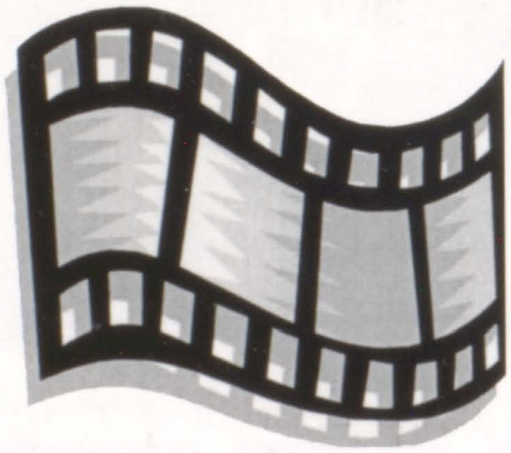

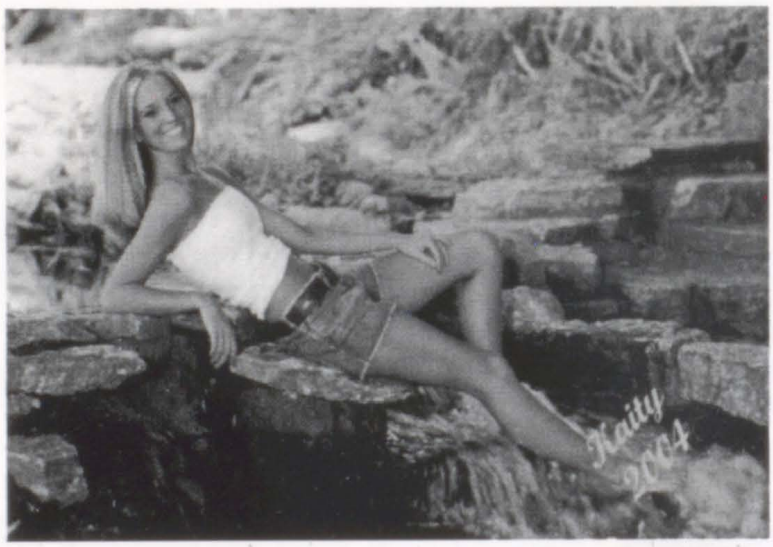

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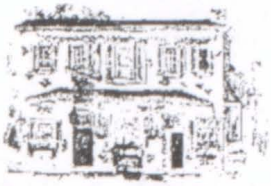

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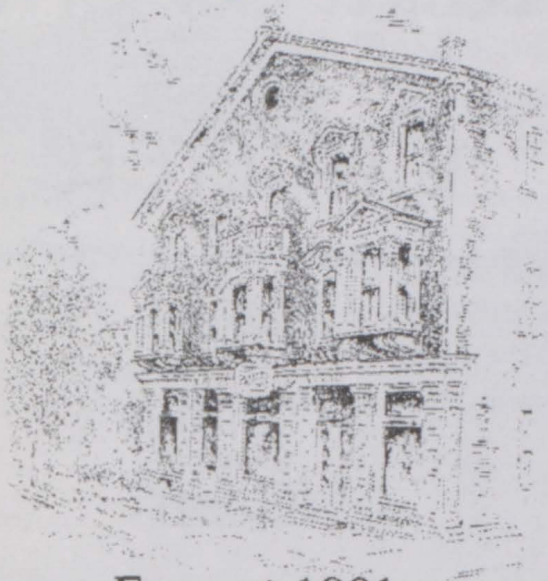

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Liz ~ Thank you for being not only an awesome sister, but also one of my best friends. Good luck - I know you are destined for great things. I ♥ u, Lori

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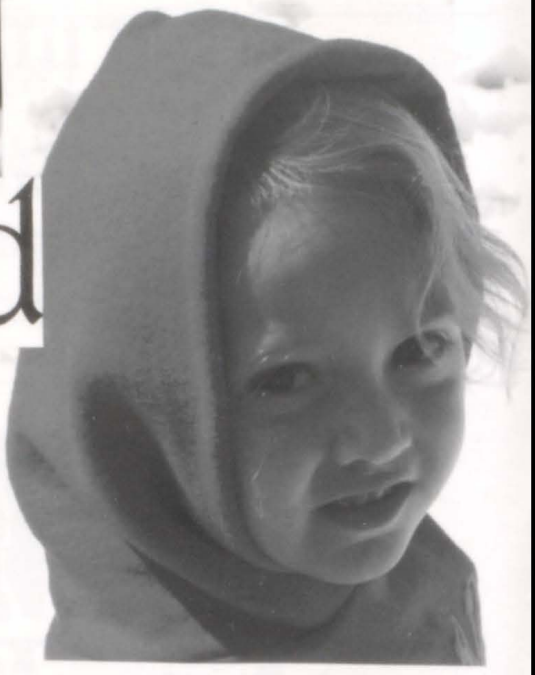

LIZZY - You are the coolest sister ever! I know we may have our bad times, but thanks for giving me all of the good! I'll love you always & forever! ♥ Hil

Liz, you are such a beautiful, special being. I'm so grateful that you are my sister! Shine on, you bright light! I love you @ Suzanne

Liz - May your journey ahead be filled with great knowledge, laughter and love.
I wish for all of your dreams to come true!
LOVE - BRIAN

Liz, I am very excited for you, this is a most exciting time of life! Learn much & succeed! Love Dylan

Liz - What is left to say? Ditto to all the above! I love you and will be praying for you daily while you are away. I hope all your dreams come true Love - Mom

Lizzard!
You are a wonder!
I am proud to say you are my # 4 girl and a blessing from God! May God bless you all the days of your life.
Love → Tom

From the Editors

Liz's Blah:

Ok wow, this year went by extremely fast, and I wasn't exactly ready for that. Most of the year was a bit disheartening, but overall it was a good experience. I want to especially thank my pals Kara and Madonna, because they have been beside me through it all. I would also like to thank everyone who has helped me in some way throughout my years here at OA. I would like to apologize for my intolerance of people, and I want to say hello to those I never really got to talk to. There is one piece of advice that I would definitely give and that is to be yourself. I know it's a cliche, but truly, don't let anyone make you feel inferior. You are the way you are, and that is so incredibly cool. I wish the best of luck to everyone, especially my graduating class. I love you and I'll miss you all! And to all those who still have years left here...have fun and I'll miss you too! Don't let the drama of high school pull you in too much.

I'm happy about how meticulous we were in the planning of this yearbook. Thank you to all who helped in the process. We went through hell to give you what you see before you. Hope you like it.

Your exhausted, yet diligent editor,
Liz Konnersman

Kara's Last Words of Wisdom:

Four years ago, I came to OA scared out of my mind and incredibly mad at my parents for making me come. I was conviced that OA was the worst school ever and that I'd have no fun. On May 30, 2004 I will be leaving OA for good, not because I want to, but because I graduated! I made it through four years. That's four years longer than I thought I'd make it. I don't think I would have made it this far without my friends. I want to thank them, Madonna, Liz, Jake, Jay, KJ, Kaitlin, Nathaniel James, Dan (just to name a few), for always being there for me and for being my friends. Friends are the key to true happiness; cherish them always and never take them for granted.

The best words of advice I can give is don't try to fix everything, don't try to plan for everything, don't try to change people, just take life as it comes and be yourself; you never know how much fun you'll have in the end if you just let yourself go. Forget the standards that are already set and make your own! Live long and party hard!

I would like to thank my fellow "yearbookers." Without them, this yearbook would not exist. I hope this yearbook is a proper reminder of what 2003-2004 at OA has been and that you've enjoyed what you've seen!

Peace out,
Kara Kerker, 2003-2004 Editor

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